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I have found *I Echinospora* in *L. Winnipegensis*
as long as 10 yrs ago Engelmann Aug 10. 1866

I recognize it (the *Myrica* plant) as *I. Brannii* Duran
which I had found 10 yrs ago in N.H. which grows in Oregon
R. and is not rare it seems in England. I had once considered
it identical with *I. Echinospora* of Europe, but find that it is
well distinguished Engelmann Sep 18 1866

My *Winnipegensis* plant gathered 1856 is the original of *Durans Brannii*
Engl. Dec 14 1866

those gathered 25 Sep 1866

Les *Isotetes* de *Winnipegensis* sont arrivées en bon état et
la dépense du plus grand nombre d'entre elles me paraît
assurée. La culture de cette plante forme va certainement
lever les dernières doutes qui peuvent subsister encore au
sujet de cette plante. Bien que toutes les probabilités fassent
déjà entrevoir qu'il faudra n'y voir que l'*I. Echinospora*

d'Europe Duran 23. Oct. 1866

I differ from Duran in regard to *I. Brannii* though I believe
I was the first to try and convince him of the identity of it
and *I. Echinospora*. In the latter the microspores are
regularly larger, and the column much narrower than in our
plant. But I think that ours is only a form of the European type
but have little doubt that your *microspora* must follow as a
subspecies. I can only distinguish it by its longer and greener
leaves, the stamens are a little shorter but in *Brannii* I find
them quite variable and I suspect sometimes confluent
Engelmann Dec 14 1866



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