

In the first place you say we have claimed the "Beaconsfield" as grown from seed at Rochester. Well, we repeat it, and challenge you to disprove it. Next you say that several nurserymen at Rochester have never heard of it, and are confident "no grape of that name could have been extensively cultivated at Rochester without their knowledge." That is the case exactly, and just what we have claimed. The "Beaconsfield" has not been extensively cultivated at Rochester, and consequently it is not at all surprising that several nurserymen there should have not seen it; in fact it would be very strange if they had, especially under that name, as it was only lately given the distinctive name of "Beaconsfield" by our firm, from want of a better one to call it. Again, these nurserymen are made to say the description given in our circular was closely that of the "Champion" grape. Allow me to remark that the "Champion" and the "Beaconsfield" differ very materially in their leading characteristics.

"Mr. Gallagher," you say, "introduced the 'Beaconsfield' to Mr. Menzies as the 'Champion.'" I don't deny this, or that this particular vine went by the name of Champion, for want of a better and more defined one, for I presume you are aware there are Champions and Champions. Then you say I have been a tree dealer and agent since I was seventeen years of age, and the slur intended is quite apparent. For your information I will say that I have been in business for myself ever since the age of seventeen, and my business record either at Rochester or elsewhere will stand investigation.

When you were informed that I bought in the spring of 1877 a quantity of Champion grape vines at Rochester you were correctly informed, and if you had been informed that I had at the same time obtained the vine which we have since named the "Beaconsfield," your informant would not have been half so untruthful as are your unwarrantable conclusions. You are further informed that we have not raised young vines enough to supply the 4,000 which Mr. Menzies says he intends to plant during the coming spring, and that all the vines we sell of it for planting in the spring of 1879 must come from Rochester. This, Mr. Editor, is a cheeky assertion on the part of your informant, and is devoid of truth.

The vine which for the protection of ourselves and our customers we have copyrighted the "Beaconsfield," bears no more resemblance to the *Champion* than it does to the *Hartford Prolific*. I have made large claims for the success of the "Beaconsfield" vine, and believe I am not going to be disappointed. I claim it is a superior vine to any known for this part of Canada, and I am going to be here to take the consequences of any promises I make in regard to it. If, believing as we do, that it is the best vine, we wish to charge more for it than is charged for other varieties, the public can very well be left to take care of itself in the matter, as we are making no induce-