

SUTHERLAND'S SEEDLING GOOSEBERRY.

We have just received (July 29) a box of samples of this gooseberry from Mr. Geo. Sutherland, Meaford, and certainly we must record a still more favorable impression than the one noted on page 273 of volume 13. It is almost as large as the preceding, of a little whiter skin, firm enough for distant shipping, and, according to Mr. Sutherland, exceeds any variety for productiveness. Mr. Beall was not favorably impressed with its quality, but the samples sent him were not mature. These are of good quality.

In reply to an enquiry for further particulars regarding this berry, Mr. Sutherland writes:

SIR,—The origin of the gooseberry is fully stated in the *HORTICULTURIST* of September, 1890. I found it growing in my garden under a Downing bush, some years ago. I removed it, thinking at the time that it was a sucker, or layer plant of the Downing. When it blossomed I saw immediately that it was not the Downing, and as there was no other variety grown in my garden I accepted it as a chance seedling. It has fruited five seasons, is an enormous bearer; has never shown the slightest sign of mildew up to the present time. The bush is a strong, upright grower, strongly resembling the Downing in appearance. In fact, after the fruit has been removed from the bushes you cannot distinguish any difference in the bush. A great many people have visited my garden to see this gooseberry, and all who have seen it are loud in their praises. Since you so kindly noticed it in your excellent journal, I have had many enquiries for plants, but the only plant I have ever taken from the original was the one sent to you this spring. I have watched this gooseberry with considerable interest. Its size and productiveness seemed to be all that any person could desire. It has now fruited five years, which is a sufficient time to allow it to exhibit any weakness, and so far it has never disappointed me. In conclusion, I may mention that my soil is a rich clay loam. Three years ago I planted *Industry* and *Whitesmith* in the same part of the garden occupied by the seedling. *Industry* and *Whitesmith* have mildewed, but the Seedling has not. I do not pretend to say that it never will mildew. (I have seen Downing mildew in some places.) All I can say is, that so far it never has; and if it receives decent care I do not think it ever will mildew.

GREENFIELD'S SEEDLING GOOSEBERRY.

SIR,—I send you a bunch of my seedling currant. It is not the best, as I have had one stem with no less than twenty-one berries upon it. The bush from which these were gathered is thirteen years old. I also send you some samples of two varieties of gooseberries. They are productive, hardy, and not subject to mildew.

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The branch of currants sent us by our friend, Mr. Greenfield, of Ottawa, is certainly very fine, and seems to be worthy of cultivation. In size they are not quite so large as the Cherry, but probably average a little larger than the Victoria. Upon four inches of wood we counted nine stems of fruit, one of which was four inches in length, and contained eighteen berries. What we want, to make currant growing profitable, is a berry as large as the Cherry, and as productive as the Victoria, a want which is partially supplied by Fay's currant.

The gooseberry No. 1, enclosed in the same basket, is yellow, of good quality, oval and medium sized, averaging about an inch in length. No. 2 is a large green berry, about equalling the Sutherland in size, but not so productive.