of its merits. If Nos. 2 and 3 in the above list are as productive, and as little subject to mildew as the Industry, we see little to choose between them and it, except in point of size.

Morton's Seedling is excellent in quality, with a smooth, thin skin. It is small when compared with the others, but if as a Canadian seedling it should prove both productive and mildew proof its size will not hinder its popularity.

The Conn and the Ottawa are also Canadian seedlings, and we have some plants, received from Mr. P. E. Bucke, of Ottawa, which we are testing, upon which we will report at some future time.

Fay's Prolific Currant.—Sir: You will be glad to learn that I have been very successful with all the premiums I have received from the Society. The "Fay's Prolific," received in 1885, has fruited well this year; it is just splendid. I intend to discard all my old stock and propagate from it only. The "Canada Victor" grape received last spring is doing remarkably well, and will bear fruit next year. And the "Niagara," received this year, is all I can wish, and I hope it will continue to deserve my good opinion of it.

I am yours very truly,

J. L THOMPSON, Toronto.

BARK LOUSE.—SIR: I have no doubt that your article on the Bark Louse in the June number of *The Canadian Horticulturist*, very correctly described the condition of my apple trees, for on my looking over them to-day I find matters very different from what I had anticipated. About one-half of them are badly infested with these insects, and, as I suppose, the present will not be an opportune time for applying the alkaline solution, I will have to wait till spring for it.

J. L. T., Toronto.

PRINTED RECIPES IN GRAPE BASKETS.
—Sir: I happened to hear from one or two growers that it is their intention to put printed recipes in their grape baskets, to educate people as to their use. I think it will be wise to do so; but I think it will be well to have them printed in French and English for Montreal, as it it the French-Canadian population that most require to be instructed and encouraged to use fruit.

Yours, &c., JOSEPH BROWN. Montreal, Aug. 3, 1887.

## Apple Reports.

## FROM LIVERPOOL.

SIR,—As the season is drawing nigh for shipping apples, we take this opportunity of letting you know the position of our crop, and the prospects for American apples during the coming fall and winter.

More than usual interest attaches to our fruit crop this season, as both the winter and summer weather has been quite unusual for this country. long cold winter and bleak stormy spring, which lasted until the end of May, brought us most precipitately into almost a tropical summer, and June, July, and up to time of writing have been a succession of warm sunshiny days, with hardly a drop of rain, and fears were entertained that the apple crop might be a total failure, but from very detailed reports from the forty counties in England we find the crop as follows:—

Average crop . . . . 22 Counties. Under average crop . . 13 "
Over " " . . 5 "

In many sections the fruit is reported to be dropping fast, so that we do not consider the American supplies will suffer from the quantity of apples