

## MOORE'S RUBY AND FAY'S PROLIFIC CURRANT COMPARED.

SIR,—In reply to an enquiry in the May number of the HORTICULTURIST, regarding Moore's Ruby and Fay's Prolific Currants, I may say that I have fruited the former seven and the latter five years. The Ruby is not as large nor as heavy a bearer as the Fay's, and on that account not as profitable a market currant. But for eating out of the hand, or on the table with sugar and cream, the Ruby on account of its sweetness, has no equal. The Ruby requires a soil well enriched to keep up its size, and with that provision its quality as a family currant is unsurpassed.

T. H. RACE, *Mitchell, Ont.*

## MARKET PROSPECTS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

SIR,—We thank you for yours of the 13th ult. Before the season commences we will let you have a code, so that you will be able to publish the information that we place at your disposal. For your guidance, we may mention that the lookout for apples here look well, but as yet it is too early to determine positively, as the cold winds have affected the early fruit, such as cherries, strawberries, currants and gooseberries, and it is not yet certain as to the others. At all events you may safely rely upon this, that if Canadians are plentiful and can be sold at moderate prices, they will oust the English apples. There is no quantity grown of the early summer fruit, and the growers here have recognized the fact for some years past, that with the inferior quality of our own apples, they cannot compete with the Canadians, and, as a natural consequence, as soon as their crop is ready, they turn it into money, without risking keeping the fruit during the winter. As the season advances we shall keep you thoroughly advised, and any information that you may give us we shall be pleased to receive. The last shipment of Tasmanian apples is due next week, two steamers bringing 37,000 cases, each case containing from 36 to 40 pounds of fruit. They are being sold at what is considered moderate prices, from 9/- to 12/- per case. The quality is extraordinary, and they arrive here as fresh as if they had only been gathered from the trees two days before.

Yours faithfully,

GARCIA, JACOBS & Co.

*Covent Garden, London, England, June 4th.*

## THE SAUNDERS PLUM.

SIR,—I see in the HORTICULTURIST for May, page 156; W. C. Wilson asks about the Saunders plum. It does not resist curculious. I have not seen blacknot upon it, but will not say it is proof against it in this part. I believe it one of the most profitable varieties we have, being very productive and the earliest large plum we have. Mr. Aris, the originator, told me he always has orders for his whole crop, before it is ripe, at \$4.00 and upwards per bushel.

P. C. DEMSEY, *Trenton, Ont.*

## THE PRINCESS LOUISE.

SIR,—The Princess Louise apple I got from the Association, two years ago, has come through its second winter in Manitoba, looking I think, more healthy and vigorous than ever. It is now a fine stocky tree of over three feet, and it came out the bud next to the terminal. It is one of the finest looking and healthy apple trees I have. Wealthy's, growing along side, showed no superior hardness over the Louise. What I have seen of it so far shows it to be equally as hardy.

A. P. STEVENSON, *Nelson, Man.*