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## Notes and Comments

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### Foul Brood Legislation in Great Britain.

The "Irish Bee Journal" for May, a copy of which has lately reached me, contains the following marked paragraph: "J. L. Byer, writing in the 'Canadian Bee Journal,' says that it seems strange to think of bee-keepers opposing foul brood legislation, yet that fact is the main reason, as he understands it, that Ireland has no foul brood law. J. L. Byer is a reader of this journal, in which it has been frequently stated that not a single voice has been raised in Ireland in opposition to legislation. What does J. L. B. mean, anyway?"

If Editor Digges will look again at the article in question he will find that I said "Great Britain and Ireland," and, by way of excuse, will say that over here, when speaking of the Old Sod in a general way, the two countries are quite frequently connected together. Again, I am sorry to confess that it is only of late that I have had the pleasure of reading the "Irish Bee Journal." My friend Digges will not deny the fact that numerous "kicks" have appeared from time to time from subscribers of some of the other bee papers published

in the British Isles. Even in the "Irish Bee Journal," in the same issue in which this scribbler is taken to task, a letter appears from the pen of an English "Farmer," in which the writer raises some decided objections to the proposed Act for Ireland. Be it far from our purpose to intentionally misrepresent, or in any way discourage, our Irish friends in their campaign for foul brood legislation, the obtaining of which cannot do otherwise than give a great impetus to apicultural interests.

While I am at it, permit me to congratulate Editor Digges on the splendid appearance of May "Irish Bee Journal," as it appears in its new dress. From an artistic standpoint it is away ahead of anything in the way of bee journals that have come to hand from the other side of the "herring pond."

### How Much Nectar Per Acre From Buckwheat or Clover?

M. V. Facey, an extensive apiarist of Minnesota, who is at present writing a series of articles in the "Review," has the following in the "Farmer," a paper published in Minnesota: "First example is a field of buckwheat of only  $5\frac{1}{4}$  acres, to which a yard of 30 colonies of bees had access. No other buckwheat was near, and the bees most clearly devoted their whole attention to the only available field. It was very much alive each forenoon, and the bees gathered between 750 and 800 pounds per acre therefrom, or an income from honey alone of over \$40.00 per acre. Wild buckwheat will often do as well.