

more bees. The writer has kept a yard of bees of less than a hundred swarms fifty miles from home for two years with only eight visits during the two years, and harvested \$1200 worth of honey during that time, and at present has two hundred colonies in Kalkaska county, 105 miles from home, that has been worked successfully for the past two years, so what I write is from a practical bee-keeper's standpoint. In the above I admit I have wandered somewhat from the main subject, and will excuse myself by saying that I am going to tell you how many bees I shall keep under the conditions named above, for you will understand that under some other conditions one might keep more or less bees as circumstances would admit, and now for the number of colonies I shall keep. Here at Remus, where white clover and fall pasturage is the source of our honey crop, we have three yards of a hundred colonies each, this is all we are planning to keep here; then, in Kalkaska county, where red raspberries is the source of our surplus, we have two hundred colonies, these will be increased to three yards, and it looks now as if this Kalkaska locality will support more than one hundred colonies in one yard. In this case our six yards may contain seven or eight hundred colonies, although our number is only about five hundred. With this number of colonies in two locations, where the honey source is of an entirely different nature, one feels quite sure in depending on the bees for a living and a little extra for a rainy day, without burdening themselves with many more as some are doing.

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Remus, Mich.

Brant County Bee-keepers' Association will meet in the Court House, Brantford, on Saturday p.m., May 19th, at 2 p.m.

Chris Edmondson,
President,

W. J. Craig,
Secretary.

A ROCK IN THE BALTIC.

A Remarkable Series of Adventures Resulting on a Naval Mistake.

The careless firing of a new piece of ordnance by Lieut. Alan Drummond of H.M.S. Consteration, while cruising through the Baltic, has led to a series of unaccountable and surprising international complications.

Drummond sighted a new gun on a apparently deserted bit of rock that jutted up out of the sea. To his amazement his cruiser was at once fired on from the rock, and the Russian government demanded an explanation from Great Britain.

The mystery of the whole affair, the presence of cannon on such a spot, the anger of Russia and the importance given to so insignificant a matter—worked on Drummond's imagination and in a moment of headstrong feeling he went to Russia to investigate.

A series of surprising adventures followed, culminating in a scene that defies description.

The whole story is splendidly recounted in Robert Barr's great novel "A Rock in the Baltic," which has just been purchased by The Mail and Empire, and is to be the first novel in the much-talked-of "\$150,000 series" which this enterprising paper is to issue during the forthcoming two months.

This series consists of 12 great novels by the most famous living Anglo-Saxon authors.

The Mail and Empire, with its customary alertness, has secured the right in this district to publish the novels in serial form before they appear in book form, which will afford its readers a literary treat never before offered by any newspaper in America.

No other paper in the city or vicinity can publish these great stories in advance to avoid disappointment, as the edition will be exhausted before all are able to buy. Commencing on Saturday, May 5th, and each succeeding Saturday. These stories will also be published in The Weekly Mail and Empire, commencing May 10th.