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At present, the poisonous substances are most easily obtainable by growing the plant, and they need not even be extracted except where transport is important. The cultivation of these plants bids fair to become a useful industry, pyrethrum at home, and the others in the tropics; this part of the problem is being studied in close co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture Plant Pathology laboratory at Harpenden.

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The prevalence of acarine disease has hitherto considerably hampered work, but the Ministry of Agriculture has now agreed to remove the restriction on the programme of work which had previously cut out the study of bee diseases. Cane sugar has been compared with beet sugar as winter food, but no difference could be detected. Further tests were made of the respective merits of the "warm" and "cold" way of arranging the frames in the hives, and the data are now being examined in the Statistical Department. The programme of bee research is drawn up by a Committee of Bee Experts who, from time to time, meet to discuss problems of importance to bee keepers.