

"Of the whole agricultural produce of our Empire, the insect army destroys at least one-tenth every year:- Canada in field and fruit crops and in timber loses thirty million sterling annually; Australia loses twenty million". These words were broadcast just a year ago by Sir Walter Morley Fletcher, who, surveying the resources of the Empire and the natural forces of insects, plagues and disease which continually threaten them, gave as his conviction that "of all the nations in the world none has so great a need as England of bringing biology into her statecraft".

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