

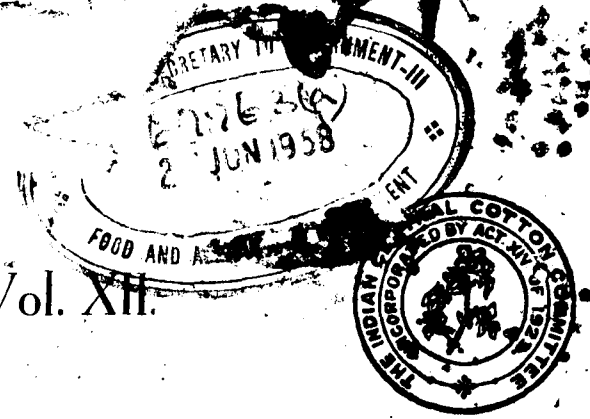
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It is with deep regret that we record the death on the 31st March, 1958, of Shri Kalidas Sawhney at the age of 61 years.

Shri Sawhney joined the Committee's service as Secretary on the 17th August, 1948 and retired on the 17th December, 1952. His heart had not been strong for some years and there seems no doubt that he exerted himself too strenuously in the recent past in connection with the editing of the Cotton Monograph and various other publications of Indian Council of Agricultural Research responsibility for which he had undertaken.

After a brilliant academic career at Lahore, he worked as a professor of Biology in Islamia College, Peshawar and Hindu College, Delhi. From 1921 to 1929 he worked in the Department of Agriculture, Baghdad from where he was deputed by the Iraq Government to Palestine, Syria, Egypt and Sudan to study the cotton research experimental and extension work in these countries. He joined the Department of Agriculture, Hyderabad, in 1929 as Cotton Research Botanist.

Shri

who knew him. There is no exaggeration if it is said that the void created by his untimely death can hardly be filled.

The Standing Finance Sub-Committee of the Indian Central Cotton Committee, when apprised of the sad news, passed the following Resolution unanimously:-

"The Standing Finance Sub-Committee places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the sad demise of Shri Kalidas Sawhney, who rendered valuable services to the Committee in various capacities including that of Secretary to the Committee.

The Sub-Committee desires to convey to Mrs. Sawhney its heart-felt sympathy in her great loss."

We offer our heart-felt sympathy to Mrs. Sawhney and her family in their great loss.

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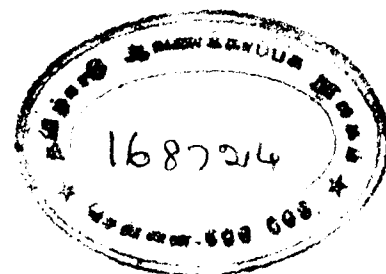
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PROGRESS IN THE BREEDING OF EXTRA LONG-STAPLED COTTON IN THE PUNJAB

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I. Introduction

Although India has attained self sufficiency in respect of medium and long stapled cotton, she is still short of her requirements in respect of extra long staple cotton, *i.e.*, with mean fibre length over one inch. During the year 1954-55, India imported 9.8 lakh bales of cotton of staple length of 1-1/16" to 1-1/8" valued at rupees 28.74 crores and 2.34 lakh bales of cotton of staple length 1-3/16" and above of the value of rupees 24.64 crores. It is evident that there is an urgent necessity of making our country self sufficient in this category of cotton so as to obviate the necessity of importing

