

9. *Pack and harrow backsetting.*—The moisture stored in the subsoil of breaking must be kept within reach of the seed and plant roots. In order that this condition may obtain, firming the loose soil after backsetting is advisable. It is at the same time important that a shallow layer of loose soil be maintained on the surface of the field in order that the loss of moisture by evaporation may be lessened.

10. *Scrub land must be treated somewhat differently.*—On land that carries a growth of bushes and small wood, backsetting is seldom practicable for the reason that the growth ploughed under does not decay in time to permit it to be backset. Under these conditions very deep ploughing followed by packing and thorough surface cultivation is the best procedure.

Early breaking on scrub land has all of the advantages of early breaking on prairie land, but because of the fact that most of our scrub land is in the more humid parts of the province, it is not essential that the ploughing be done as early as in the prairie sections. At the same time it is well to keep in mind that the earlier the work is done the more moisture there will be conserved, and the earlier the rubbish is ploughed under the quicker it will decay and leave the soil in good physical condition.