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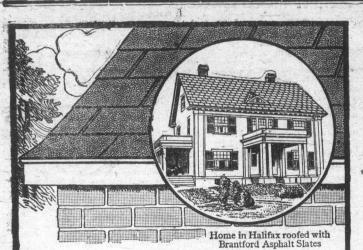
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would leave all "finishing" furrows
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connect them by opening up cross
channels through the lower-lying
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Not alone to level fields or farms does this apply. Large areas of Ontario are quite rolling, hence naturally drained. Yet, a small open ditch or deep furrow will pay for the trouble necessary to make a channel by the greater ease with which water can escape, thus permitting quicker disposal of the same, hence hastening the drying of the land.

These surface drains should be opened at least once per year. The best time to do so is in the late autumn after the fall work is done. Labour can be obtained then with

Labour can be obtained then with less difficulty and at less cost. The work may be done by hand or by the use of a team if water does not

Surface draining, however, is not recommended to take the place of tilling.—Thos. Cooper, B.S.A., O. A. College, Guelph.

Starting Early Celery.

The starting of early celery should be done immediately as the seed is be done immediately as the seed is slow in germination; requiring about four weeks before ready for the first transplanting. The seed should be sown in flats in a soil very sandy in nature. This soil is pressed down about ½ an inch in the box and then the celery is sown broadcast over it. The box is then watered through burdan and is left covered with hurlan and is left covered with hurlan and is left covered with the seed is lap and is left covered with burlap or brown paper until the seed germi-nates. When the plants are showing nates. When the plants are showing two or three leaves they are transplanted into flats, 2 inches each way in soil that is sandy in nature but well-filled with good manure and commercial fertilizer, such of a nitrogeneous nature. Good fertilizer is necessary at this stage so that the plants will not receive any check.

rne plants should be thoroughly sprayer with Bordeaux Mixture when they first break into third or true leaf, so that they will be kept free from blight, and every week after being set in the field.

Another method in use among growers is that of sowing in hot beds. The seed is planted in rows about 4 inches apart; in making these rows they take a piece of wood about an inch wide and press it down on the soil making a furrow about ½ of an inch deep in which the seed is sown. It is then covered with burlap or paper as stated before.

Celery to germinate properly should be kept at a temperature of 70 degrees until the young plants are growing in good shape, when it is well to lower it to 55 or 60 degrees.

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