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The Dominion Farmer's Council and the Fruit Growers' Association.

A COMMITTEE from this Farmer's Club, which meets monthly at London, Ont., recently visited the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. Mr. Deadman, the member of the Committee who reported on the Horticultural department of the College, stated at a recent meeting of the club, that this department was a "*total failure*." The chief cause of failure he attributes to portion of the farm chosen for the orchard, and fruit gardens; it being the lowest on the farm, very wet in spring and fall, and subject at times to great overflow of water. Neither was it properly drained before planting, only a two-foot drain being used, and this now out of working order. He further says, "We do not blame the present authorities for this, as Mr. Forsyth informed us that it was chosen by a deputation of the Fruit Growers' Association, Mr. Saunders and Mr. Beadle being members of the commit-

tee." Prof. Robertson, being present, said that "in justice to the Fruit Growers' Association he was forced to say that the selection of the site for the orchard was made by that body in winter, when there was fully two feet of snow, and that, at that time, the ground presented a much higher appearance than it really had."

Now, there is no doubt that the Committee's report is correct in regard to the unfortunate location of the orchard and fruit garden; if it was a serious blunder to locate it so unfavorably, it is also a serious blunder to lay upon the Fruit Growers' Association the blame of that location, much more that for neglect of proper drainage.

The following letter from Mr. Wm. Saunders, Director Experimental Farm, Ottawa, a member of the committee from our Association, places the affair in its true light; and will, we hope, prevent a repetition of unjust censure in this matter in the future.

"In some strictures made in a report to the Dominion Farmers' Council, on the Fruit Department of the Agricul-