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LANGDON FROTHINGHAM, M.D.V., <i>Chairman</i> ,	. BOSTON.
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REPORT.

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN VETERINARY MEDICINE,
OFFICE OF SECRETARY, Dec. 15, 1904.

To His Excellency JOHN L. BATES, *Governor*.

SIR: — In compliance with section 6 of chapter 249 of the Acts of 1903, the Board present the following report: —

Your Excellency appointed, as members of this Board: Langdon Frothingham, M.D.V., of Boston, for the term of five years; Elmer W. Babson, M.D.V., of Gloucester, for the term of four years; George P. Penniman, D.V.S., of Worcester, for the term of three years; Henry S. Lewis, M.D.V., of Chelsea, for the term of two years; Thomas E. Maloney, V.S., of Fall River, for the term of one year.

The Board was duly organized on Jan. 12, 1904, by the choice of Langdon Frothingham as chairman and Elmer W. Babson as secretary.

As required by law, public notice was given in several newspapers published in Massachusetts, by giving the details of the organization of the Board, and printing a synopsis of the law; besides this required notice, postals were sent out to all known practitioners of veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth, notifying them of the provisions of the act, and warning them to apply for registration on or before the first day of September, 1904, when registration under section 3 ceased. Many of these names were obtained from lists of graduates of all of the veterinary schools in this country and Canada. The Board endeavored to obtain the name of every practising veterinarian and dentist in Massachusetts, in order

to notify them of the law ; therefore, it will be seen that it has done more than required to disseminate a knowledge of the existence of the new law throughout the Commonwealth.

For the purpose of registration the Board formed three classes : A, those who were graduates of a school of veterinary medicine recognized by the Board, and were in practice on or before April 16, 1903, and who made application for registration on or before Sept. 1, 1904 ; B, those who had been practising continuously for a period of three years next prior to the passage of the act, *i.e.*, the sixteenth day of April, 1903, and who made application for registration on or before Sept. 1, 1904 ; C, those who were graduated but were not in practice on or before April 16, 1903, or made application for registration later than Sept. 1, 1904, and those who were not graduates and had not practised for three years next prior to April 16, 1903, or who made application for registration later than Sept. 1, 1904.

The Board has held twenty-seven meetings and two examinations.

A large number of applications have been received, with the accompanying fees, from blacksmiths, druggists and persons who were not residents or inhabitants of the State. Besides these, applications have been received from many others whom the Board did not consider were properly to be classed as practitioners of veterinary medicine or branches thereof. All these applications have been rejected, and the fees returned.

The total number of applications for registration received by the Board up to the fifteenth day of December has been 430. The total number registered has been 360. Of these, 209 have been registered under Form A as graduates ; 129 under Form B as practitioners of three years' standing ; 22 under Form C as those who have been examined and found qualified by the Board ; 68 applications have been rejected, 5 of which failed to pass the examination, leaving 2 applications which are still under consideration. Every application received has been carefully investigated, and none have been approved or rejected without due consideration.

The receipts of the Board, which according to law have

been paid into the treasury of the Commonwealth, have been as follows : —

Forms A and B, fees at \$2,	\$676 00
Form C, fees at \$5,	135 00
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	\$811 00

The expenses of the Board have been as follows : —

Salaries and travelling expenses of members,	\$482 12
Clerical assistance,	188 03
Advertising,	34 20
Printing and postage,	231 20
Stationery and supplies,	144 15
Miscellaneous,	32 00
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	\$1,111 70

The Legislature appropriated \$550 for the use of the Board, and it will be seen that this was insufficient by \$561.70 to meet the necessary expenses. The Board considers that an appropriation of \$1,000 should be made for the ensuing year.

In the Appendix to this report will be found a copy of the law under which the Board acts.

Respectfully submitted,

LANGDON FROTHINGHAM.
ELMER W. BABSON.
G. P. PENNIMAN.
HENRY S. LEWIS.
THOS. E. MALONEY.

APPENDIX.

LAW RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF VETERINARIANS.

[CHAPTER 249, ACTS OF 1903.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN VETERINARY MEDICINE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint five veterinarians, residents of this Commonwealth and graduates of a school of veterinary medicine recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association, who shall constitute a board of registration in veterinary medicine. Their terms of office shall begin on the first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and four, and they shall hold office, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years, or until their successors are appointed; and the governor shall appoint annually thereafter, before the first day of December, beginning with the year nineteen hundred and four, one veterinarian, qualified as aforesaid, who shall hold office for five years from the first day of January next ensuing. Any member of said board may be removed from office for cause by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council. The members of the board shall each receive a salary of fifty dollars a year, and their necessary travelling and contingent expenses actually incurred in attending meetings of the board. The said salary and expenses shall be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 2. The members of said board shall meet on the second Tuesday of January in each year, at such time and place as they shall determine, and shall immediately proceed to organize by electing a chairman and a secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year. Said board shall hold regular meetings on the first Tuesday of March, July and November of each year, and such additional meetings at such times and

places as they may determine. Said board may make by-laws and rules not inconsistent with law necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

SECTION 3. Said board shall notify all persons practising veterinary medicine in this Commonwealth, of the provisions of this act by publishing the same in one or more newspapers in this Commonwealth, and every such person who is a graduate of a recognized school of veterinary medicine, and also every person who has been a practitioner of veterinary medicine in this Commonwealth for a period of three years next prior to the passage of this act, shall, upon the payment of a fee of two dollars, be entitled to registration, and said board shall issue to him a certificate thereof signed by its chairman and secretary. Registration under the provisions of this section shall cease on the first day of September in the year nineteen hundred and four. All applications for registration under this act shall be made upon blanks furnished by the board, and shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant.

SECTION 4. Any person not entitled to registration as aforesaid who is twenty-one years of age shall, upon the payment of a fee of five dollars, be entitled to examination, and if found qualified by the board shall be registered and shall receive a certificate of registration as provided in section three. Any person who fails to pass a satisfactory examination and is therefore refused registration may be re-examined at any regular meeting of the board within two years of the time of such refusal, without additional fee, and thereafter may be examined at any regular meeting upon the payment of a fee of five dollars for each examination. The fees received for examination and registration of applicants before the board shall be paid monthly by the secretary of the board into the treasury of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 5. Examinations shall be held at least twice annually, and shall be exclusively in writing, in English. There shall be suitable questions to test the requisite knowledge of the applicants in the following subjects: — Anatomy, surgery, physiology, animal parasites, obstetrics, pathology, bacteriology, diagnosis and practice, therapeutics and materia medica.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of said board to keep a register of all practitioners qualified under this act, which shall be open to public inspection, and to make an annual report to the governor.

SECTION 7. It shall be unlawful after the first day of September in the year nineteen hundred and four for any person to practice veterinary medicine, or any branch thereof, in this Commonwealth who does not hold a certificate issued by said board.

SECTION 8. Any person not registered as provided by this act who shall practice veterinary medicine or any branch thereof in this Commonwealth shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 9. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to prohibit advice or service, in a case of emergency, by a person not entitled to practice veterinary medicine under this act, and the provisions of section nine of chapter seventy-six of the Revised Laws relating to the practice of medicine within the Commonwealth by physicians and surgeons shall, so far as they may be applicable, apply to the practice of veterinary medicine or any branch thereof by veterinarians.

SECTION 10. Except as otherwise provided herein this act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved April 16, 1903.*]

