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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

GENTLEMEN:— The Director of Registration in the Department of Civil Service and Registration, Division of Registration, submits herewith the report of the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine, which report is to be published separately from the general report of the Director of Registration.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM F. CRAIG,
Director of Registration.

JAN. 1, 1921.

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REPORT.

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN VETERINARY MEDICINE,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Dec. 15, 1921.

To WILLIAM F. CRAIG, *Director of Registration.*

SIR:— In compliance with the requirements of chapter 112 of the General Laws, the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine submits its annual report for the fiscal year 1921.

Six persons have applied for registration during the year, all of whom have been examined; also one person has been re-examined who had applied for registration previous to this year. All of these applicants were graduates of veterinary schools authorized to confer degrees in veterinary medicine.

The number of individuals examined this year is eight, and the results are given in the following table:—

	Examined.	Registered.	Refused.
July examination	6	5	1
November examination	2	2	—
Totals	8	7	1

The following men successfully passed our examinations during the year:—

NAME.	Graduate of —
Bartlett, Fred LaGrange	Chicago Veterinary College.
Blakely, Chester Lawrence	Harvard Veterinary School.
Briggs, Frederick Loring	United States College of Veterinary Surgery.
Daniels, Ralph Waldo Emerson	University of Pennsylvania.
Russell, Alden Hesseltine	New York State Veterinary College at Cornell.
Schneider, Rudolph Henry	University of Pennsylvania.
Way, Cassius	New York State Veterinary College at Cornell.

Since the organization of the Board, Jan. 1, 1904, 498 certificates of registration have been issued.

During the year the Board has held nine meetings and two examinations.

According to the rules of the Board, all applications for examination must be made upon blanks furnished for this purpose by the secretary, and returned to him at least three days before the date of examination, properly executed and accompanied by the fee of \$15. A ticket of admission to an examination, showing the date and the applicant's number, is issued on the receipt of this application. Tickets are also issued to rejected applicants entitled to a re-examination if applied for three days before the date of examination. By a rule of the Board, examinations are held twice annually, in June and in November. The law requires that these examinations shall be wholly or in part in writing, in the English language, and shall be of a scientific and practical character. They shall include the subjects of anatomy, surgery, physiology, animal parasites, obstetrics, pathology, bacteriology, diagnosis and practice, therapeutics, materia medica and veterinary dentistry, and shall be sufficiently thorough to test the applicant's fitness to practice veterinary medicine. There is usually an average of eight questions in each subject, and the answer to each question is marked on a scale of 0 to 100. The applicant's general average is then computed, and if it falls below 70 per cent, he is rejected.

In this connection it should be borne in mind that the name of the applicant is unknown to any examiner, with the exception of the secretary. Each examination book bears a number, upon which the examiner reports his rating.

Since its organization the Board has held 39 examinations.

The following table gives a list of the schools from which the registrants were graduated, and the results of their examinations. It also shows the results of the examinations taken by applicants who were refused registration, and by nongraduates: —

	Examined.	REGISTERED AS RESULT OF —						Refused.	
		First Examination.	Second Examination.	Third Examination.	Fourth Examination.	Fifth Examination.	Seventh Examination.		Eighth Examination.
Chicago Veterinary College	21	10	3	2	1	1	-	-	4
College of Physicians and Surgeons	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Columbia Veterinary College	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cornell University	13	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Correspondence School	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Grand Rapids Veterinary College	5	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	1
Harvard Medical School	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harvard Veterinary School	8	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indiana Veterinary School	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iowa State College	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kansas City Veterinary College	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laval Veterinary College	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McGill University	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
McKillip Veterinary College	8	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
National Veterinary College	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York American Veterinary College	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
New York State Veterinary College	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nongraduates	23	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	10
Ohio State University	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ontario Veterinary College	39	15	3	3	-	-	1	1	16
Royal Superior Veterinary College, Naples.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Royal Veterinary College, England	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Terre Haute Veterinary College	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States College	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
University of Pennsylvania	39	32	3	-	-	1	-	-	3
Totals	216	129	20	5	1	2	2	1	56

For the purpose of convenience the "correspondence school" is listed as a school, although it is not chartered and has no right to issue degrees. It is to be noted that 13 men, graduates of this school, have been examined, who assumed that they had received a proper training in veterinary medicine, yet failed by our examination to demonstrate any knowledge of veterinary science. The result shows the

absolute impracticability of teaching veterinary medicine by correspondence. This school uses the mails extensively to send out literature describing its efficiency and success, holding out the promise to credulous persons that by studying its courses they will be fully prepared to practice veterinary medicine, giving them a diploma which represents them as graduates from a regular school, and from which the word "correspondence" is intentionally omitted. It is to be regretted that the United States mail authorities do not refuse the use of the mails to this and similar schools.

According to the records of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the following veterinary colleges have discontinued during the past two years:—

Chicago Veterinary College.
Cincinnati Veterinary College.
McKillip Veterinary College.

Only the first of these three institutions was recognized by this association. This association recommends for approval the following veterinary colleges for the ensuing year:—

Alabama Polytechnic Institute, College of Veterinary Medicine.
Colorado State College, Division of Veterinary Medicine.
Indiana Veterinary College.
Iowa State College, Division of Veterinary Medicine.
Kansas State Agricultural College, Division of Veterinary Medicine.
L'École de Médecine Vétérinaire, Université de Montreal.
Michigan Agricultural College, Division of Veterinary Science.
New York College at New York.
New York State Veterinary College at Cornell University.
Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine.
Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto University.
State College of Washington, College of Veterinary Science.
Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, School of Veterinary Medicine.
University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine.

During the year the Board has investigated complaints against five individuals for practicing veterinary medicine illegally.

In June, 1921, a conference on bovine tuberculosis eradication was held at the State House, Boston, by the Bureau of

Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, and the Massachusetts Division of Animal Industry, together with the Massachusetts Veterinary Association. To this conference all the representative veterinarians of New England were invited, many of whom attended, all the States being represented. During the conference, on account of the overlapping of the tuberculin test work of private veterinarians, the question of registration of veterinarians in the New England States was introduced. It was thought desirable that an arrangement be made whereby a veterinarian registered in one State would secure registration thereby in all. During the winter this Board contemplates joining the other New England Boards in conference, seeking a plan agreeable to all, and arranging for legislation to be simultaneously introduced the following year in the various State Legislatures.

The receipts of the Board, which according to law have been paid into the treasury of the Commonwealth, have been as follows: —

Form C, fees at \$15	\$90 00
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Total	\$90 00

The expenses of the Board have been as follows: —

Salaries and traveling expenses of members	\$694 16
Investigating complaints	10 21
Stenography and typewriting	67 25
Printing and postage	25 17
Miscellaneous	89 68
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Total	\$886 47

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. E. MALONEY, *Chairman.*
 ELMER W. BABSON, *Secretary.*
 LESTER H. HOWARD.
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