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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,

W. F. CRAIG,

*Director of Registration.*

JAN. 1, 1923.



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## REPORT.

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN VETERINARY MEDICINE,  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Dec. 15, 1922.

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 1922.

Seven persons have applied for registration during the year, all but one 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 seven, and the results are given in the following table:—

	Examined.	Registered.	Refused.
June examination . . . . .	4	3	1
November examination . . . . .	3	2	1
Totals . . . . .	7	5	2

The following men successfully passed our examinations during the year.

NAME.	Graduate of—
Huse, Gordon Bancroft . . . . .	Ohio State University.
McCarthy, Charles Francis . . . . .	United States College of Veterinary Surgery.
Redfearn, Ernest Everett . . . . .	Michigan State Agricultural College.
Stamen, Harry Clarence . . . . .	Ohio State University.
Wells, John Raymond . . . . .	University of Pennsylvania.

Since the organization of the Board, Jan. 1, 1904, 503 certificates of registration have been issued.

During the year the Board has held seven 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 41 examinations.

The following table gives a list of the schools from which the registrants were graduated, and 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 . . . . .	22	10	3	2	1	1	-	-	5
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
Michigan State Agricultural College . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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 . . . . .	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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 . . . . .	9	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
University of Pennsylvania . . . . .	40	33	3	-	-	1	-	-	3
Totals . . . . .	222	133	21	5	1	2	2	1	57

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 four individuals for practicing veterinary medicine illegally.

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
Total . . . . .	<u>\$90 00</u>

The expenses of the Board have been as follows:—

Salaries and traveling expenses of members . . . . .	\$678 73
Investigating complaints . . . . .	32 89
Stenography and typewriting . . . . .	57 00
Printing and postage . . . . .	25 01
Miscellaneous . . . . .	16 05
Total . . . . .	<u>\$809 68</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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ELMER W. BABSON, *Secretary.*

THOS. E. MALONEY.

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