

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

FOR THE

Year Ending November 30, 1929

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

Make; DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION; *Division*

of registration



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

APR 9 1930

MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN
VETERINARY MEDICINE, 1929.

LANGDON FROTHINGHAM, M. D. V., *Chairman*, Boston.
 ELMER W. BABSON, M. D. V., *Secretary*, Gloucester.
 LESTER H. HOWARD, D. V. S., Boston.
 GEORGE P. PENNIMAN, D. V. S., Worcester.
 JOHN B. LENTZ, V. M. D., Amherst.

R E P O R T

Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine,

Secretary's Office, Dec. 15, 1929.

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 1929.

Six persons have applied for registration during the year, all but one of whom have been examined. All of these applicants were graduates of veterinary schools authorized to confer degrees in veterinary medicine.

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

	Examined	Registered
June examination	5	5

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

Name	Graduate of
Hall, Charles George.....	Ontario Veterinary College
Merrill, Winslow Eaton.....	University of Pennsylvania
Seale, Edward Kenneth.....	Ontario Veterinary College
Taylor, John Edward.....	Chicago Veterinary College
Thibeault, Cornelius.....	Ohio State University

Since the organization of the Board, January 1, 1904, 538 certificates of registration have been issued.

During the year the Board has held five meetings and one examination.

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 ruling 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, after which the applicant's general average is computed.

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.

B6692
1939
3

Since its organization the Board has held 51 examinations.

During the life of the Board there have been 677 applicants for registration in veterinary medicine; of this number 538 were granted registration, 133 were refused registration, 5 have not appeared for examination, and 1 is to be examined.

The following table lists the veterinary schools from which applicants were graduated and the results of their examinations. The table also lists the number of non-graduates who have been registered and those refused registration:—

	Examined	Registered as Result of—								Refused
		First Examination	Second Examination	Third Examination	Fourth Examination	Fifth Examination	Seventh Examination	Eighth Examination		
Chicago Veterinary College	25	12	4	3	1	1	—	—	4	
College of Physicians and Surgeons	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Columbia Veterinary College	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Cornell University	13	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Correspondence School	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	
George Washington University	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
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	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Laval Veterinary College	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
McGill University	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
McKillup Veterinary College	8	4	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	
Michigan State Agricultural College	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
National Veterinary College	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
New York American Veterinary College	8	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
New York State Veterinary College	10	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Ohio State University	18	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Ontario Veterinary College	46	22	3	3	—	—	1	1	16	
Royal College, Dublin, Ireland	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Royal Superior Veterinary College, Naples	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Royal Veterinary College, England	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Terre Haute Veterinary College	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
United States College	10	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	
University of Pennsylvania	48	41	3	—	—	1	—	—	3	
Non-graduates	23	10	3	—	—	—	—	—	10	
Totals	257	166	22	6	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.

Graduates of the following veterinary schools are now eligible to membership in the American Veterinary Medical Association:—

- 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'Ecole de Medicine Veterinaire, Universite de Montreal.

Michigan Agricultural College, Division of Veterinary Science.
 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 past year the Board has investigated complaints against three individuals, one of whom was prosecuted, and his case placed on file.

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 \$15.00.....	\$90.00
Total	\$90.00

The expenses of the Board have been as follows:—

Salaries and travelling expenses of members.....	\$706.32
Investigating complaints	44.33
Stenography and typewriting	48.25
Printing and postage	22.53
Miscellaneous	6.65
Total.....	\$828.08

Respectfully submitted,

LANGDON FROTHINGHAM, *Chairman.*
 ELMER W. BABSON, *Secretary.*
 GEORGE P. PENNIMAN.
 LESTER H. HOWARD.
 JOHN B. LENTZ.