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As Organized Jan. 8, 1935

*LANGDON FROTHINGHAM, M. D. V., *Chairman*, Boston.

ELMER W. BABSON, M. D. V., *Secretary*, Gloucester.

**JOHN B. LENTZ, V. M. D., Amherst.

WILLIAM J. HENNESSEY, V. S., Worcester.

DENNIS S. SHANNON, V. M. D., Westfield.

*Dr. Frothingham died on July 29, 1935.

**Dr. Lenz was elected Chairman on August 9, 1935.

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Secretary's Office, December 16, 1935.

To James J. Sughrue, *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 1935.

Eight 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 seven, and the results are given in the following table:—

	Examined.	Registered.
July examination, -----	7	6

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Graduate of—</i>
Boardman, William, -----	New York State Veterinary College.
Bruce, Ronald Hermon, -----	University of Pennsylvania.
Gilyard, Richard Taylor, -----	New York State Veterinary College.
Kanning, Herbert, -----	Iowa State College.
Mather, George Wells, -----	Iowa State College.
Whitlock, Stanley Clarke, -----	Michigan State College.

Since the organization of the Board, January 1, 1904, 583 certificates of registration have been issued.

During the year the Board has held six 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 or letter 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, if there are a sufficient number of applicants, examinations are held twice annually. 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.

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Since its organization the Board has held 59 examinations.

During the life of the Board there have been 727 applicants for registration in veterinary medicine; of this number 583 were granted registration, 138 were refused registration, and 6 have not appeared for examination.

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.	First Exam.	Second Exam.	Third Exam.	Fourth Exam.	Fifth Exam.	Seventh Exam.	Eighth Exam.	Refused.
Alabama Polytechnic Institute,	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chicago Veterinary College,	25	12	4	3	1	1	—	—	4
College of Physicians & Surgeons,	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Columbia Veterinary College,	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cornell University,	14	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Correspondence School,	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
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,	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kansas City Veterinary College,	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kansas State College,	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Laval Veterinary College,	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
McGill University,	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
McKillip Veterinary College,	8	4	1	—	—	—	1	—	2
Michigan State Agricultural College,	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
National Veterinary College,	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York American Veterinary College,	8	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
New York State Veterinary College,	21	20	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ohio State University,	25	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ontario Veterinary College,	48	24	3	3	—	—	1	1	16
Royal College, Dublin, Ireland,	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Royal Superior Veterinary College, Naples,	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Veterinary College, England,	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Veterinary College, Glasgow,	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Terre Haute Veterinary College,	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United States College,	11	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	4
University of Georgia,	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
University of Pennsylvania,	63	56	3	—	—	1	—	—	3
Non-graduates,	23	10	3	—	—	—	—	—	10
Totals,	306	210	23	6	1	2	2	1	61

For the purpose of convenience the "correspondence school" is listed as a school, although it was not chartered and had no right to issue degrees. It is to be noted that 14 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.

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 five individuals.

Dr. Langdon Frothingham, Chairman of the Board, died on July 29, 1935. He was one of the original members of the Board and its chairman since its organization. Through his death the Commonwealth loses a valuable citizen and this Board a member whose place it will be hard to fill. Dr. Frothingham was highly trained in pathology and bacteriology.

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, \$120.00

The expenses of the Board have been as follows:

Salaries	\$533.33
Traveling expenses of members	122.05
Investigating complaints	9.30
Stenography and typewriting	65.50
Printing and postage	28.22
Miscellaneous	9.66
Total	<u>\$768.06</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. LENTZ, *Chairman.*
ELMER W. BABSON, *Secretary.*
WILLIAM J. HENNESSY.
DENNIS S. SHANNON.