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OF THE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN
VETERINARY MEDICINE

FOR THE
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DIVISION OF REGISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION



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Secretary's Office, December 15, 1939.

To Mrs. Margaret M. O'Riordan, *Director of Registrations*.

Madam:—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 1939.

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

The number of persons examined this year is sixteen, and the results are given in the following table:

	Examined	Registered
July examination	16	15

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Graduate of—</i>
Bent, Clarence Farrar	New York State Veterinary College
deVarennes, Charles Millette	Ohio State Veterinary College
Frohlich, Rudolph Jr.	New York State Veterinary College
Holt, Russell Dearborn	University of Pennsylvania
*	University of Pennsylvania
Ladson, Jack Arthur	University of Pennsylvania
Martin, Sidney Matthew	New York State Veterinary College
Merrill, Stanford Davis	University of Pennsylvania
Povar, Ralph	New York State Veterinary College
Rivers, Ernest William	Ohio State Veterinary College
Robertson, Harry John	University of Pennsylvania
Sackett, Howard Dustin	University of Pennsylvania
Serajchick, Joseph Peter	University of Pennsylvania
Tower, William James Jr.	University of Toronto
Tyrrell, George Woodrow	University of Toronto
Walmsley, George	Ohio State Veterinary College

* One applicant has not as yet been acted upon, as no proof of his citizenship has been received.

Since the organization of the Board, January 1, 1904, 627 certificates of registration have been issued.

During the year the Board has held four 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

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accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars and a copy of the applicant's birth certificate. A ticket of admission to the 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 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, physiology, surgery, 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.

Since its organization the Board has held 63 examinations.

During the life of the Board there have been 773 applicants for registration in veterinary medicine; of this number 627 were granted registration, 139 were refused registration, and 7 have not appeared for examination.

The following table lists the veterinary schools from which the 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.

Registered as a result of:

	Examined	First Exam.	Second Exam.	Third Exam.	Fourth Exam.	Fifth Exam.	Sixth Exam.	Seventh Exam.	Refused
Alabama Polytechnic Institute	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chicago Veterinary College	25	12	4	3	1	1	—	—	4
College of Physicians and 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	9	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kansas City Veterinary College	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kansas State College	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Laval Veterinary College	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
McGill University	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
McKillop Veterinary College	8	4	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Michigan State Agricultural College	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
National Veterinary College	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York American Veterinary College	8	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
New York State Veterinary College	28	27	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ohio State University	32	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ontario Veterinary College	58	34	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	79	71	3	—	—	1	—	—	4
Non-Graduates	23	10	3	—	—	—	—	—	10
Totals	351	253	24	6	1	2	2	1	62

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 Medical Veterinary Association:

- Alabama Polytechnic Institute, College of Veterinary Medicine
- Colorado State College, Division of Veterinary Medicine
- Iowa State College, Division of Veterinary Medicine
- Kansas State Agricultural College, Division of Veterinary Medicine
- L'Ecole de Medicine Veterinarie, 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 year the Board has investigated complaints against three individuals.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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 \$240.00

The expenses of the Board have been as follows:

Salaries	\$550.00
Necessary traveling expenses of members	107.16
Investigating complaints	4.00
Stenography and typewriting	73.00
Printing and postage	21.44
Miscellaneous	3.50
Total	\$759.10

Financial statement verified.
Approved.

GEORGE E. MURPHY,
Comptroller.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN B. LENTZ, *Chairman*
ELMER W. BABSON, *Secretary*
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