



BIOGRAPHY OF HARRY STEELE-BODGER

It would be difficult to appreciate Harry Steele-Bodger's achievements in the absence of an outline of the conditions obtaining in the industry and the profession at that time – over 60 years ago.

Between the wars agriculture was a depressed industry and, with a few notable exceptions, 'dog and stick' farming was the order to the day. Shorthorns

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Harry Steele-Bodger continued as Chairman of the Survey Committee until 1946, when its name was changed to the Technical Development Committee. His remarkable experience and capacity for hard work, his love of his profession and concern for its status and his intrepid leadership, inspired a spirit of enthusiasm in those around him which made the formulating of the Survey Scheme, its adoption and its implementation, possible. His great sense of humour, ready wit and gift of oratory made him a natural leader of men. He died in January 1952 at the early age of 56 years. "He loved life and lived it to the full, spending himself in the service of life." The war years undoubtedly saw the birth of the modern agricultural industry. Is it too much to suggest they too saw the birth of our modern veterinary profession, under his leadership?

The Harry Steele-Bodger Memorial Scholarship was launched by his friends as a tribute to his memory.