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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF PERU,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY

1903.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The selectmen of the town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending February, 1903.

VALUATION.

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Resident real estate, | \$146,173 00 |
| Resident personal estate, | 54,857 00 |
| Non-resident real estate, | 28,045 00 |
| Non-resident personal estate, | 4,470 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total valuation, | \$233,545 00 |

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

| | |
|--|------------|
| State tax, | \$ 628 27 |
| County tax, | 378 07 |
| To defray town charges, | 1,250 00 |
| Roads and bridges, | 2,000 00 |
| Schools, | 900 00 |
| School books, | 75 00 |
| Repairs on school houses, | 150 00 |
| Overlay, | 206 88 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total amt. of commitment, | \$5,588 22 |
| Percentage of assessment .023 on the dollar. | 214 polls |
| at \$1.00 each. | |

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

We have leased the farm and personal property thereon from Apr. 6th, 1902, for one year to A. B. McIntire. He is to support Lenora Knight. He is to leave the farm and personal property in as good condition as he received it.

SCHEDULE OF STOCK, ETC., ON TOWN FARM.

2 cows.

12 hens.

100 lbs. pork.

3 tons hay.

Farming tools, household furniture, same as last year.

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|--|--------|---------|
| Paid Barrett & Kidder for grass seed, and hardware, for repairs about build- ings, | \$5 97 | |
| J. A. Putnam's saw bill, | 16 00 | |
| H. O. Rowe for hauling lumber, | 4 50 | |
| A. B. McIntire for repairs, | 20 81 | |
| | <hr/> | \$47 28 |

EXPENSES OF POOR NOT ON FARM.

| | | |
|--|----------|----------------|
| Paid for support of F. J. Wing, | \$ 59 21 | |
| for support of S. P. Wing, | 5 00 | |
| for support and funeral charges of Wm. M. Knight, | 46 43 | |
| for support of Benj. Lord, | 55 00 | |
| for support of C. H. Wing, | 172 92 | |
| | <hr/> | \$338 56 |
| Total, | | <hr/> \$385 84 |

| | | |
|---|----------|----------------|
| Received from State on account of poor, | \$ 77 22 | |
| Due from State on account of poor, | 150 70 | |
| Received from H. E. Knight account Wm. Knight, | 4 30 | |
| | <hr/> | \$232 22 |
| Total expense poor, | | <hr/> \$153 62 |

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

| | | |
|---|----------|------------|
| Amount voted by town for roads and bridges, | | \$2,000 00 |
| There has been expended previous to Mar. 3d, 1902, | \$279 32 | |
| Expended by S. A. Getchell: | | |
| April, | \$116 40 | |
| May, | 206 22 | |
| June, | 700 18 | |
| July, | 171 01 | |
| Aug. and Sept., | 350 13 | |
| Nov., | 134 24 | |
| Dec., Jan. and Feb., | 458 06 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total amount expended on roads and bridges, | | \$2,415 56 |

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. S. Walker, Treasurer of Peru.

DR.

1902.

| | | | |
|----------|---|------------|--|
| Feb. 14, | To amount due on C. L. Mathew's bills of 1901, | \$3,497 95 | |
| | Tax deeds on hand, | 322 40 | |
| | Cash on hand, | 766 24 | |
| | | \$3,586 59 | |

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1902.

| | | | |
|---------|---|------------|--|
| Mar. 5, | By amount of C. L. Mathew's tax bills of 1901, | \$3,497 95 | |
| | Tax deeds on hand, | 323 40 | |
| | Orders and receipts turned over, | 428 10 | |
| | Cash to balance, | 337 14 | |
| | | \$3,586 59 | |

Geo. L. Rowe, Treasurer of Peru.

DR.

1902.

| | | | |
|---------|--------------------------------------|------------|--|
| Mar. 5, | To C. L. Matthews tax bill, 1901, | \$3,497 95 | |
| | Tax deeds on hand, | 329 35 | |
| | Cash on hand, | 337 14 | |
| | For rent of town hall, | 12 00 | |
| | From town of Sumner, | 2 00 | |

| | | |
|----------|---|-------------------|
| Mar. 5, | From State for poor, | \$ 64 47 |
| | From State for dog license refunded, | 45 04 |
| Apr. 29, | J. A. Arnold's commitment tax bills of 1902, | 5,586 22 |
| July 3, | Supplementary tax, | 1 00 |
| 21, | Supplementary tax, | 1 00 |
| | From Dixfield on account of ferry boat, | 23 61 |
| | From H. E. Knight, | 4 30 |
| | For rent of hall, | 23 00 |
| | For rent of hall, | 10 00 |
| | For rent of hall, | 5 00 |
| | Rec'd State School fund, | 612 55 |
| | Rec'd of W. S. Arnold dog license, | 76 00 |
| | Rec'd from State on account of poor, | 39 15 |
| | Rec'd from State on account of poor, | 38 04 |
| | Rec'd Interest on tax deeds, | 47 13 |
| | | ————— \$10,754 95 |

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1903.

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|----------|---|--------------------|
| Feb. 13, | By orders turned over, | \$4,360 82 |
| | Receipts turned over, | 1,207 36 |
| | Tax deeds, | 212 82 |
| | Due on J. A. Arnold's bills of 1902, | 3,897 20 |
| | Cash on hand to balance, | 1,076 75 |
| | | ————— \$ 10,754 95 |

SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Amount raised for support of schools, | \$900 00 |
| Amount received from State, | 612 55 |

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Interest on permanent school fund, | \$ 34 38 | |
| Unexpended balance, | 41 31 | |
| | <u>-----</u> | \$ 1,588 24 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Teaching, | \$875 50 | |
| Board, | 408 00 | |
| Fuel, | 57 75 | |
| Conveying, | 209 00 | |
| Janitors, | 31 50 | |
| | <u>-----</u> | \$1,581 75 |
| Unexpended balance, | | <u>-----</u> \$6 49 |

ABATEMENTS.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Abel A. Davis, real estate, | \$2 45 | |
| John Lisey, poll and personal, | 2 84 | |
| Bernard Andrews, personal, | 1 20 | |
| | <u>-----</u> | \$6 49 |

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

| | | |
|--|--------------|----------|
| Paid one-half cost of ferry boat, | \$90 03 | |
| One-half expense of running ferry, | 9 14 | |
| One-half cost surveyor on Hartford line, | 6 00 | |
| Cleaning town hall, | 2 00 | |
| Erecting guide board, | 1 00 | |
| Harriman order, by vote of town, | 4 89 | |
| W. G. McIntire for Delano's sleigh, by vote of town, | 10 00 | |
| Blanks, | 13 65 | |
| Benj. Swasey, services as justice, | 2 72 | |
| Cash paid out by selectmen, | 6 42 | |
| J. J. Calhoun for disinfecting Perley and Melvin Knox's houses, | 11 00 | |
| J. J. Calhoun for disinfecting Ripley and Melvin Knox's houses, | 7 00 | |
| Estimated cost of printing this report, | 10 00 | |
| | <u>-----</u> | \$173 85 |

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

| | | |
|--|---------|----------|
| Paid W. S. Arnold, town clerk, | \$12 07 | |
| Geo. L. Rowe, treasurer, | 35 00 | |
| A. S. Holman, selectman and assessor, | 61 00 | |
| Howard Turner, selectman and assessor, | 38 80 | |
| R. S. Tracy, selectman and assessor, | 37 25 | |
| P. G. Barrett, supt. of schools, | 80 00 | |
| O. O. Tracy, board of health, | 6 50 | |
| J. P. York, board of health, | 2 00 | |
| Due M. Hall for year's services on board of health, account not received, | | |
| J. A. Arnold, collector for 1902, | 83 82 | |
| | <hr/> | \$356 44 |

CURRENT EXPENSES.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Expense of poor for 1902, | \$ 153 62 | |
| Expended for roads and bridges, | 2,415 56 | |
| Orders of abatement, | 6 49 | |
| Incidental expenses, | 173 85 | |
| Town officers' bills, | 356 44 | |
| Interest on permanent school fund, | 34 38 | |
| Interest accrued during the year, | 72 31 | |
| Repairs on schoolhouses, | 51 72 | |
| School books, | 97 62 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,361 99 |

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Amount voted to defray town charges, | \$1,250 00 |
| Roads and bridges, | 2,000 00 |
| Repairs on schoolhouses, | 150 00 |
| School books, | 75 00 |
| Fractional overlay, | 206 88 |
| Rec'd for rent of town hall, | 28 00 |
| Rec'd from state, dog license refunded, | 45 04 |

| | | |
|---|----------|----------------|
| Due from H. E. Stillman for Waite schoolhouse, | \$ 30 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,784 92 |
| Balance in favor of 1902, | | <hr/> \$422 93 |

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Outstanding orders bearing interest, | \$1,807 97 | |
| Interest due Feb. 14, 1903, | 110 81 | |
| Outstanding orders not on interest, | 1,090 69 | |
| Due the schools, | 6 49 | |
| Estimated cost of printing reports, | 10 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,025 96 |

ASSETS.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| In hands of treasurer, | \$5,186 77 | |
| Town farm and personal property, | 575 00 | |
| Due from State for poor, | 150 70 | |
| Due from State for pensions, | 72 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$5,984 47 |
| Assets more than liabilities, | | <hr/> \$2,958 51 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| A. S. HOLMAN, HOWARD TURNER, R. S. TRACY, | } | <i>Selectmen of Peru.</i> |
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

I hereby submit my report for the year ending Feb. 18, 1903.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| Balance from last year, | \$ 41 31 | |
| Appropriated, | 900 00 | |
| Amount from State, | 612 55 | |
| Interest on School Fund, | 34 38 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,588 24 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|-------------|
| Teachers' wages, | \$875 50 | |
| Teachers' board, | 408 00 | |
| Conveying pupils, | 209 00 | |
| Janitors, | 31 50 | |
| Fuel, | 57 75 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 1,581 75 |

Balance unexpended, \$6 49

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|
| Balance from last year, | \$55 05 | |
| Appropriated, | 75 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$130 05 |
| Disbursements, | | 97 62 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance unexpended, | | \$32 43 |

REPAIR ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Balance from last year, | \$ 27 36 | |
| Appropriated, | 150 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$177 36 |
| Disbursements, | | 51 82 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance unexpended, | | \$125 54 |

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Three terms of nine weeks each.

EAST.—Spring, Sarah K. Larrabee, teacher. Wages, \$4.00; board, \$2.50. Fall, Julia Jones, teacher. Wages, \$4.00; board, \$2.00. Winter, Harriet Silver, teacher, Wages, \$4.50; board, \$2.00.

POND.—Spring, Edna M. Fuller, teacher. Wages, \$3.50; board, \$2.50. Fall, Harriet Silver, teacher. Wages, \$4.00; board, \$2.50. Winter, Ella A. Newell, teacher. Wages, \$4.00; board, \$2.50.

CENTER.—Spring, Ina A. McIntire, teacher. Wages, \$4.00; board, \$2.00. Fall and winter, Ada E. Gerrish, teacher. Wages, \$5.00; board, \$2.00.

DICKVALE.—Spring, Ada E. Gerrish, teacher. Wages, \$6.50; board, \$1.50. Fall and winter, Annie J. Tucker, teacher. Wages, \$6.00 and \$7.00; board, \$2.50.

WEST.—Spring, A. K. Baldwin, teacher. Wages, \$6.00; board, \$2.00. Fall and winter, Miss N. A. Kingsbury, teacher. Wages, \$7.00 and \$7.50; board, \$2.50 and \$2.75.

RIDGE.—Spring, F. L. Phinney, teacher. Wages, \$3.50; board, \$2.00. Fall and winter, Ethel Knox, teacher. Wages, \$3.25 and \$3.75; board, \$1.75.

KNOX.—The spring term was closed after being in session two weeks on account of scarlet fever. The fall term of twelve weeks and winter term of nine weeks was under the instruction of Ethel J. Bradbury. Wages, \$3.00 and \$4.00; board, \$2.50 and \$2.00.

The Ridge school did not have an average attendance of eight pupils for the entire year.

I would call your attention to the remarks of your school committee which follow this report, and trust you may be prepared to act intelligently on this matter at the annual town meeting.

P. G. BARRETT,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Voters of the Town of Peru:

There is one matter of especial interest to you, to which your school committee desire to call your attention, and that is the question of schooling the scholars of the Ridge and Waite districts, also the condition of the Knox schoolhouse.

As the Ridge school is suspended by law, the average attendance the past year, being less than eight, some change must be made. Either the scholars *there* must be conveyed to some other district, or a union of two or more districts made and a building erected to provide for them.

It has been suggested that a building be placed near the house of Oscar DeLano. By so doing, it will be easily seen that such a location would do away with the transportation of scholars in the Waite, as well as in the Ridge districts.

Also such a location would convene over one-half of the Knox school making a union school of twenty or more scholars, leaving about seven scholars there to be provided for by conveyance, to this union or some other district. The Knox schoolhouse is not in a condition to be used and needs to be rebuilt throughout, or a new building erected there before starting another term of school in that district. Hence it appears necessary to your committee, that you take some action at the coming town meeting and decide what you will do to provide for the above conditions.

Respectfully,

N. B. WOODSUM, } *School Committee of*
H. R. ROBINSON, } *Town of Peru.*

Peru, Maine, February 16, 1903.