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ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF PERU,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15th

1904.

Richardson, Printer,
Canton.

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Town Officers.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

A.S. HOLMAN, HOWARD TURNER, H. O. ROWE

CLERK,

W. S. ARNOLD.

TREASURER,

W. S. WALKER.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

JOSEPH A. PUTNAM.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE,

J. A. ARNOLD.

Report of Selectmen.

The Selectmen of the town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904.

VALUATION.

Resident real estate	\$147,148 00
Resident personal estate	50,594 00
Non resident real estate	24,930 00
Non resident personal estate	4,290 00
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Total valuation	\$226,962 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax	\$669 60
County tax	400 47
To defray town charges	1,000 00
Roads and bridges	2,000 00
Schools	900 00
School books	75 00
Repairs on school houses	150 00
New school house	700 00
Overlay	218 97
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Total amount of commitment	\$6,114 04

Percentage of assessments .026 on the dollar. 213
polls at \$1.00 each.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

We have leased the farm and personal property thereon, (except the two cows,) from April 6, 1903, 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 PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

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 buildings	\$9 08
Mason work	6 90
A. B. McIntire for shingling	8 06
W. S. Walker, for nails	1 00
300 bricks and hauling	3 45
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Expense of poor on farm	\$28 49

EXPENSE OF POOR NOT ON FARM.

Paid for the support of D. Gammon and wife	\$149 04
Paid for support of C. H. Wing	221 39
Paid for support of F. J. Wing	20 27
Paid for support of S. P. Wing	18 01
Paid for support of Walter Clowes	17 00
Paid for support of Levi Bowker	52 44
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Expense of poor not on farm	\$478 15
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Total	\$506 64

Received from State	\$150 52
Received from Portland	17 00
Received from Sumner	33 95
Received from sale of D. Gammon's effects	53 25
Due from State	66 61

Total receipts	\$321 33
Total expense of poor for 1903	\$185 31

Treasurer's Report.

Geo. L. Rowe, Treasurer of Peru.

—DR.—

1903.

Feb. 13, To amount due on J. A. Arnold's bills of 1902	\$3,897 20
Feb. 13, Tax deeds on hand	212 82
Feb. 13, cash on hand	1,076 75
Feb. 14, received from Dixfield	11 85
Feb. 14, received from State on account of poor	44 89
Feb. 14, received from State on account of pen- sions	72 00
Feb. 14, received interest on tax deeds	2 92
	\$5,318 43

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1903

Mar. 4, by orders and receipts	\$792 11
Mar. 4, by tax deeds on hand	182 91
Mar. 4, by amount due on J. A. Arnold's bills of 1902	3,385 78

Mar. 4, cash to balance	957 63
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	\$5,318 43

W. S. Walker, Treasurer of Peru.

—DR.—

1903.

Mar. 4, to amount due on J. A. Arnold's bills of 1902	\$3,385 78
Mar. 4, tax deeds on hand	182 91
Mar. 4, cash on hand	957 63
Mar. 31, received from State on account of poor	99 61
Apr. 29, to amount of J. A. Arnold's tax bills of 1903	6,114 04
Apr. 16, received dog tax refunded	59 46
May 15, received from town clerk, dog license	79 00
June 18, received from town of Sumner	33 95
June 20, received from State on account of poor	51 96
Aug. 11, received from State on account of poor	48 56
Sept. 14, received for rent of hall	12 00
Dec. 3, received from State on account of poor	50 00
Dec. 30, received from State, damage by dogs	20 00
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Jan. 2, received from city of Portland	17 00
Jan. 2, received State school fund	617 36
Feb. 10, received of J. A. Arnold	9 35
Feb. 15, received of selectmen for cows	42 00
Feb. 15, received of H. E. Stillman for Waite school house	30 00
Feb. 15, received from selectmen from effects of D. Gammon	53 25
Feb. 15, received for rent of town hall	8 00
Feb. 15, received for clapboards sold	13 20

Received from Dixfield on account of ferry	34 71
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Total	\$11,919 77

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1904.

Feb. 15, by orders and receipts	\$5,987 72
By tax deeds	268 96
By amount due on J. A. Arnold's bills of 1903	4,814 54
By cash to balance	848 55
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Total	\$11,919 77

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Amt voted by town for roads and bridges	\$2,000 00
Expended previous to Mar. 2, 1903	\$91 38
May	466 60
June	524 95
July	137 09
Aug. 1, to Feb. 15,	784 86
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	\$2,004 88

SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Amt. raised by town	\$900 00
Unexpended balance	6 49
Int. on permanent school fund	34 38
Amt. recd. from state	617 36
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	\$1,558 23

EXPENDITURES.

Teaching	\$965 25
Board	380 75

Fuel	81 41
Conveying	93 00
Janitors	21 95
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	\$1,542 36
Unexpended bal.	\$15 87

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

RECEIPTS.

Amt. voted for new school house	\$700 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Lot	\$75 00
Posts and setting around lot	9 82
Material for house and labor on house and lot	691 93
Seating school room	125 01
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	\$901 76

ABATEMENTS.

Wm. Bassett	\$1 00
Stillman Bishop	1 00
Roscoe Coolidge	1 58
Abel Davis	2 30
Ralph Harlow	1 00
Walter G. Snell	1 00
Chas. Wood	1 00
Heirs of G. W. Gordon	84
Willard S. Harlow	1 00
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	\$10 72

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid one-half expense of running ferry	\$34 71
Fighting forest fires	117 00
Certificates of births and deaths	12 75

Blank books	5	50
Cleaning town hall	2	00
Disinfecting W. A. McIntire's house	3	50
D. W. Walker, ballot clerk for '02		75
Balance printing report for '02		50
One-half cost running line between Peru and Rumford	13	75
For school apparatus and appliances	34	96
Estimated cost of printing town re- ports	10	00
W. S. Walker, postage and station- ery	1	50
Selectmen for incidentals	9	74
J. A. Putnam, incidental expenses	7	28
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		\$253 94

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid W. S. Arnold, town clerk	\$12	08
W. S. Walker, treasurer	35	00
A. S. Holman, selectman and assessor	81	00
Howard Turner, selectman, and assessor	52	50
H. O. Rowe, selectman and as- sessor	28	50
J. A. Putnam, supt. of schools	86	05
M. Hall, board of health 1902	3	50
Due Board of health 1903 estimated	5	00
J. A. Arnold, collector for 1903	116	17
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		\$419 80

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Expense of poor for 1903	\$185	31
Expended on roads and bridges	2,004	88
Orders of abatement	10	72
Incidental expenses	253	94
Town officers bills	419	80
Int. on permanent school fund	34	38
Int. accrued during the year	72	31
Repairs on school houses	45	58
New school house, seating, lot, etc.	901	76
School books	107	78
		\$4,036 46

RECEIPTS.

Amt. voted to defray town charges	\$1,000	00
Roads and bridges	2,000	00
Repairs on school houses	150	00
School books	75	00
New school house	700	00
Fractional overlay	218	97
Recd. from state, dog license refunded	59	46
for rent of town hall	20	00
from J. A. Arnold	9	35
Int. on tax deeds	2	92
Due for rent of town hall	10	00
		\$4,245 70
Balance in favor of 1903,		\$209 24

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders bearing interest	\$1,807	97
Interest due Feb. 14, 1904	173	46

Outstanding orders not on interest	1,347	57
Due the schools	15	87
Due J. A. Arnold, collector for 1903	116	17
Estimated cost of printing report	10	00
Estimated for services board of health	5	00
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		\$3,476 04

ASSETS.

In hands of treasurer	\$5,932	05
Town farm and personal property	533	00
Due from State for poor	66	61
Due from State for porcupine bounty	45	00
Due from Grange for rent of town hall	10	00
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		\$6,586 66
Assets more than liabilities	\$3,110	62

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. HOLMAN,	}	Selectmen of Peru.
HOWARD TURNER,		
H. O. ROWE,		

School Report.

No. children, census 1903, 221.

Length of school terms, summer and fall 9 weeks each, winter terms 10, excepting that the fall term of West school closed at the end of the eighth week, occasioned by illness of teacher. This resulted in an eleven weeks' term in the winter.

SCHOOLS.

POND.

Term.	Wages.	Board.	Janitors.	Conveyance.	Fuel.	Attendance.	Attendance. Average
Summer,.....	\$36	18	0	0	0	13	12.5
Fall,.....	36	18	0	18	0	19	16.7
Winter,.....	45	20	2.45	15	4.50	16	13

EAST.

Summer,.....	40.50	15.75	0	0	0	18	1.73
Fall,.....	42.75	15.75	0	0	11	14	13.5
Winter,.....	45	20	2.50	0	4.50	15	12.5

CENTER.

Summer,.....	45	18	0	0	0	15	13
Fall,.....	45	18	0	0	7.28	13	12
Winter,.....	50	20	2.50	0	3.88	9	8.5

WEST.

Summer.....	61.20	15.75	2.50	0	0	27	23
Fall.....	.56	16	2.00	0	0	28	23.4
Winter.....	77	22	2.50	0	4.50	24	20

UNION.

Summer,.....	36	18	0	0	0	15	13
Fall,.....	37.80	18	0	0	0	15	14
Winter,.....	.50	20	2.50	0	5.75	24	19.7

KNOX.

Summer,.....	36	15.75	0	0	0	17	15
Fall,.....	36	15.75	0	0	0	19	17
Winter,.....	40	20	2.50	0	6	11	10

DICKVALE.

Summer,.....	45	18	0	19.25	0	28	25.6
Fall,.....	45	18	0	19.25	0	27	25.5
Winter,.....	.60	20	2.50	21.50	2.00	23	18

Pond school was taught by Mrs. M. Hall, a teacher of many terms experience. The written tests taken, the oral drills given, and the definite work done rendered this school profitable.

East school was taught by Maud Hooper. Her success in this school is sufficient evidence that she has found her work, viz.: "Teaching." Winter term was taught by Mary A. Child, "Bates," who continued the progress in an able manner. Miss Child is a fine scholar and an excellent disciplinarian.

Center school was taught by Mrs. Ada Knight, a trained and experienced teacher, having taught every school in this town. Nothing but success has ever crowned her efforts.

Miss N. A. Kingsbury has taught the West school for five consecutive terms. She is a Normal graduate and holds a State certificate, and having had experience in graded schools has been able to effect a change necessary to be made in all our schools—a change from "Unsystem" to "Grade."

The summer term of Union school was taught by Alma Curtis with good success. Good advancement was made and the discipline was excellent. The fall term was begun by Alice M. Hall, who, lacking ability to busy and interest her scholars, and consequently to control them, decided to close prematurely. The term was finished with excellent success by Elsie M. Dolloff. Winter term, also, was taught (in the new school house) by Miss Dolloff with her usual good success.

Knox school was taught for the year by Jennie Irish, a practical, energetic teacher. Discipline in this school was most excellent. A profitable year the result.

Dickvale school was taught, summer and fall, by Elsie M. Dolloff, who is a fine scholar, having a State certificate. Miss Dolloff is an able, practical teacher, who fully realizes her responsibility in and about the school room.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$6 49
Appropriated	900 00
Received from State	617 36
Interest on school fund	34 38
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	\$1,558 23

DISBURSEMENTS.

Teachers wages	\$965 25
Teachers' board	380 75
Conveyance	93 00
Janitors	21 95
Fuel	49 41
Fuel, unpaid bill last year	32 00
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	\$1,542 36
Balance unexpended	\$15 87

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year	\$32 43
Appropriated	75 00
Books sold	45 99
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	\$153 42
Disbursements	153 77
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Overexpended	35

REPAIR ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year	\$125 54	
Appropriated	150 00	—————
		\$275 54
Expended		45 58
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Unexpended		\$229 96

APPARATUS ACCOUNT.

No appropriation.

Amount expended	\$34 96
Incidental expense	\$7 28

Respectfully,

JOS. A. PUTNAM, Supt.

To the voters of the town of Peru:—

As the question of combining the Knox school district, so called, with the Ridge and Waite districts was not definitely settled at our last town meeting, it is necessary that you take definite action at the coming meeting and decide what you wish your committee to do relative to same.

The Knox school house is not suitable to use the coming year, without going to considerable expense and almost making a new building, and when this is done the town does not own the lot on which it stands, or so we are informed.

Taking into consideration the small number of scholars now convened at the old school house and the expense of maintaining same, you will see by the report of your superintendent that the whole amount expended is nearly two hundred dollars, and considering the

nearness of the new school house to which those scholars farthest away could be conveyed at much less expense, it seems to your committee that it would be for the best interest of all concerned to discontinue the Knox school; and we make the following recommendation: That the Knox school, so called, be suspended, and the scholars be conveyed to some other school or schools.

H. R. ROBINSON,
N. B. WOODSUM.