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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE *SECEPTER Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

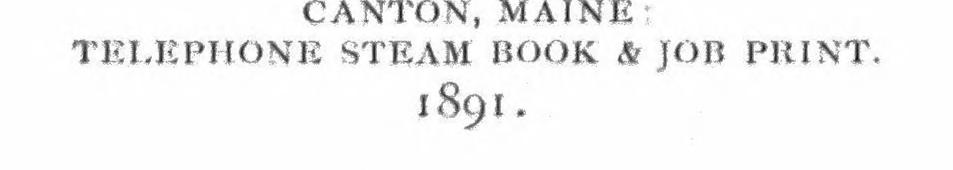
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OF THE-

TOWN OF PERU,

For the Year Ending Feb. 20,

1891.



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Report of Selectmen.

VALUATION.

Total valuation,

\$196,117 00

We have assessed a State tax of 558 42 271 48 A county tax of Voted by the town to defray town charges 2,000 oo Voted by the town for support of roads I,000 00 Voted by the town for support of schools 800 00 Voted by the town for school books 200 00 With an overlay of **IOI OO** Deficient highway of 1889 279 08 _____ Total amount committed to Hiram E. Stillman, collector. \$5,300 07 Percentage of assessment, 23 mills on the dollar. 170 polls at \$3 each.

EXPENSE OF POOR.

We have leased the town farm and personal property thereon, to A. S. Knox for one year from Apr. 6, 1890, and he is to support Seth Jenne, and make such repairs as are specified in the lease and receive from the

town40 00We have paid Wm. S. Walker for wire for fence,
grass seed and materials for repairs12 18Paid J. C. Wyman, for lumber for cart body75

We have paid for supplies for town farm, due but not known at last report

S. N. Knox, for use of bull in 1888 I 50

E. S. Wyman, for supplies furnished in '88 1 57

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W. F. Putnam, for window	I 50		
B. L. Rowe, for staple for yoke	75		
W. S. Walker, for materials for repairs in		¥	
1889	2 II-		
		7	43
Paid Rose Thomas for work at O. H. Eastm	an's	I 2	00
Paid Belinda Burgess for keeping John Austi	n	5	00
Paid town of Greenwood for medical atten		U	
for Grace Polland		7	50
Paid for expense of Mary E. Manchon, or	Mary		
E. Smith, and minor children in Liverm	ore	119	4I
Estimated expense of James B. Polland's fan	nily	150	00
G. G. Richandson claims for medical attend	lance	-	¥

for Mrs. Josiah Frost

Total expense of poor for 1890

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

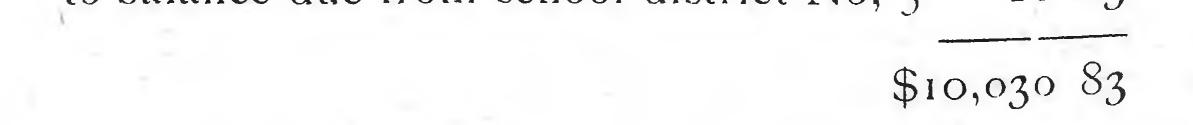
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\$369 27

Howard Turner, treasurer of Peru for 1890.

Dr.

Mar. 4, 1897, to Am't due on Wm. Woodsum's bills of 1889 3.430 20 Mar. 4, 1890, to tax deeds in hand 143 73 cash on hand 473 28 6.6 66 June 17, to cash from selectmen 100 00 July 1, to am't of Hiram E. Stillman's tax bills 4.470 17 for 1890 July 10, to State school fund 422 25 Nov. 26, to cash received from sale of wild land 950 00 Feb. 13, to cash received from town of Dixfield 29 09 for ferry boat I 28 Feb. 13, to interest on tax deeds to balance due from school district No, 5 10 83 66



CR. Feb. 16 1890, by am't due on Wm. Woodsum's bills of 1889 494 St By am't due on H. E. Stillman's bills of 1890 4,179 93 Orders and receipts turned to selectmen 4,898 51 Tax deeds in hand 171 58

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Cash on hand 286 oo

\$10.030 00

We have expended on roads and bridges: Unpaid bills of 1889 130 92 Expended in 1890 and up to this date 1,149 22 Total amount expended on roads and bridges \$1,280 14 ABATEMENTS.

	We have granted orders of abatements for		
	Poll tax of Stephen W. Gammon for 1890	3	00
	Part of tax on real estate of Nelson B. Lufkin for '90	2	30
No an	Total abatements	\$5	30
	INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.		
	Paid for blank books	2	15
	Paid for school books	25 I	65
•	Paid Wm Woodsum for searching records for		
	title to town lands and drawing deed	3	00
	Paid selectmen for postage and stationery	2	00
	Paid selectmen for expenses out of town	6	37
	Paid S. I. Crockett for helping find town line		38
	Paid O. C. Hopkins for express and postage	I	00
	Expended on the Wyman ferry	53	69
	Due for rent of meeting house	15	00
	Am't of deeds deducted from treasurer's assets	15	02
	Estimated cost of printing this report	8	00
	Paid A. B. Walker for services on the Board of		
	Health	6	00



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TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.		
Oliver C. Hopkins, clerk	9	00
Dana W. Goding, selectman, assessor and over-		
seer of poor	47	25
Henry R. Robinson, selectman, assessor and over-		
seer of poor	27	00
James W. Gowell, selectman, assessor and over-		
seer of poor	26	50
Howard Turner, treasurer	25	OG
Ira J. Parlin, supervisor of schools	44	10
Mandeville Hall, constable	3	00
Hiram E. Stillman, collector	106	00

\$287 85

CURRENT EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR. Total expenses of the poor for 1890 Cash expended on roads and bridges Incidental expenses Orders of abatement of taxes Town officers' bills Interest accrued during the year Interest on permanent school fund

Amount voted by town to defray town charges Overlay authorized by law Deficient highway of 1889

Balance in favor of 1890

3,200 00 191 09 279 08 \$3,670 17 \$949 77

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES. Outstanding orders bearing interest Interest due to Feb. 20, 1891 Orders not on interest Due the school districts

7,833 15 295 75 696 74 265 73

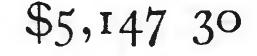
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Bills due orders not drawn:
Town officers' bills for 1890
Wm. Woodsum's percentage for collecting in 1889
Estimated unpaid pauper bills
Due A. S. Knox
For rent of meeting house
Estimated cost of printing reports

Total liabilities

RESOURCES.

In the hands of treasurer, Feb. 16 Received from Weld since Feb. 16,



30 00

Total indebtedness above available means to pay \$4,609 01 All of which is respectfully submitted, DANA W. GODING, HENRY R. ROBINSON, JAMES W. GOWELL, Of Peru.



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Supervisor's Report.

To the Citizens of Peru:—A report of this branch of the town's business is necessay for three reasons, viz: first, to conform to law; second, to inform you of the condition of our schools; third, to assist agents in the selection of teachers for the future. This is one of the hurdest of the many perplexing duties of the year, especially if one cares to please the two elements with which he has to deal, viz: the public singly, and the public collectively, owing to the brief space in which to explain the many items requiring explanation.

The duties of the past year have been more numerous and arduous than usual, owing to the change in the text book law, and the Free High Schools. I have made no changes in the books used in town, with the exception of arithmetics and physiologies, the latter of which but few are used. By adopting for another series of years, the books alread v used (and which in my judgment are good enough), I have secured much lower prices, a list of which together with a complete list of books adopted, terms and the firms delt with, I have caused to be recorded in the town clerk's office. Although to secure these prices, I have been oblige 1 to exceed the appropriation, I have books to the amount of forty dollars, without charge to the town in shape of desk copies, etc., and while the schools are fairly well supplied, I have in addition to those mentioned above, enough on hand to make in all about one hundred dollars worth, to deliver to my successor, but who will need them very soon, as many pupils are using their own books and will take an upward step the coming terms.

I should speak more of the town system for the protection and repair of our school property, if I did not think that State legislation would soon determine just what steps should be taken. Many of our school houses are growing from bud to worse, without attention and are not reasonable for children to pass the winter days in, and certainly do not exert a cheerful influence in summer. The house in Dist. No. 2, needs repairs badly and the town should take some action in Dist. No. 11, if the inhabitants do not. Many pupils have been deprived of the benefit of the Free High School fund, by reason of the necessity of having the unbash in the fall, in these districts

school in the fall, in these districts.

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FINANCIAL.

Amount raised by town, \$675 00 Amount received from State, 422 25 Interest on permanent fund, 34 38 Total, \$1131 63

Ten per cent of this was distributed among the smaller districts, making assignment as follows:

Distric	t No	. I,	\$134 78	District No. 6,	104 00
66	"	2,	97 00	·· · 7,	83 00
66	66	3,	148 78	·· ·· 8,	III OO
66	"	41	152 28		65 50
"	"	5,	138 29	" " II,	97 00

\$125 was also raised by vote of town for support of Free High Schools. No report has been received from the State at this writing owing to deficiency in appropriation for Free High School purposes.

DISTRICT NO. I.—This school, as in the past has held first rank, as a whole, in every respect that goes to make a good school. The interest shown when I have visited this school, and the class of teachers the

agents have employed for the past two years, have been a credit to all concerned. Summer term taught by Mrs. M. V. Hall. Average No. of scholars, 20. Wages of teacher, \$5 per week. Winter term by R. M. Woodsum. Average number, 20. Wages, \$25 per month.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—This school is very small but the scholars are interested and the older ones especially are doing all any one could ask in the way of advancement. The summer term was taught by Winnie A. Gould of Dixfield. Miss Gould is a young teacher and for her experience did well. Average number of scholars, 5. Wages of teacher, \$3.25.

The fall term was taught by Miss Josie True of Turner. This was Miss True's first term, and through being detained from home, I was un-. able to visit the school at the close, but from my idea of her qualification from my examination, her excellent appearance at my first visit. and the general satisfaction expressed, I do not hesitate to recommend her to any agent in town. Average No. 7. Wages \$3.50

DISTRICT NO. 3.—This school contains much natural ability, but labors under the disadvantage of all small village schools, of the interest being devided between the instructions of the street and store, and that of the hired teacher, in many instances to the decided injury to latter. The summer and winter terms, as well as the Free High School, were taught by Miss V. Ludden of Dixfield. Miss Ludden is too well known as a teacher to need any report of ability, and she aroused the interest charasteristic of her schools, in the summer term, and the pupils made excellent advancement. This continued until the middle of the

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winter term or later, when a judicious use of the rod would have beed an improvement in a few cases. The school generally has improved much in appearance and scholarship. Many of the pupils of other districts who attended in the fall continued through the winter, making a large school and hard work for the teacher. Average attendance in summer, 19. Wages of teacher, \$4.00 per week. Average No. in winter, 28. Wages,\$5.50.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—This school, though not as advanced as some in town, has several excellent scholars, and requires a good teacher. The school made very good advancement in the summer term, under the instruction of Miss Bertha Wyman of Rumford, whose methods of instruction are plain and practical. Average No. 13. Wages of teacher, \$3.00.

Winter term by A J. Churchill, Jr. While I would discourage the idea of a young teacher taking the school in his own district, Mr. Churchill has worked hard in this school and has met with good success. The school is in session at time of writing this report, but with every appearanee of being all that would be required.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—Miss Hattie L. Bean of Jay, taught the snmmer term, and the school made good progress. The scholars were small in this term, but Miss Bean seemed to have the qualifications of a good teacher. Average No. 12. Wages of teacher, \$3.00.

Winter term taught by Joseph A. Putnam. This school is still in session, but is progressing well, interest and order very good. Registered No. 25. Mr. Putnam is one of our older teachers and bids fair to make this term a success.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—This school is very small and with one or two exceptions the scholars are hard to interest in their studies. If the school was larger it would be easier for scholars and teacher. The summer term was taught by Miss Bertha Hopkins, who did well for her first school. Discipline very good. Average No. 7. Wages of teacher, \$2.50.

Fall term term taught by Mary E. Wyman of Rumford. I did not visit the school at the close, but at my visit in the eighth week, the school was appearing well, though the pupils were not as interested as in larger schools. Average No. 9. Wages of teacher, \$3.25.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—Summer term, under instruction of Ada E. Gerrish, who kept the scholars as interested as could be expected, for the number. Good advancement was made, and order all that was necessary. Average No. 8. Wages, \$3.00.

Fall tern taught by Miss Celinda L. Bean of Jay. But five pupils attended on average, and the teacher did all in her power to interest

them, and they made good progress.

Wages, \$2.80.

DISTRICT NO. 8.-Miss Maydel Heminway of Rumford, taught both terms and I think worked hard for the advancement of this school, and with good success. The scholars are interested and are making good progress. Miss H. is a live teacher, and the school needs good teachers in the future. Average No. in summer, 10. Wages, of teacher, \$3.00. Average No. in winter, 13. Wages of teacher, \$4.00.

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DIRTRICT NO. 9.—This is one of the smallest schools in town, but interest was very good in the summer term, and the pupils made good advancement for the grade, taught by Alice J. Irish, who made a first rate start for a young teacher. Average No. 6. Wages, \$2.50.

Fall term taught by Minnie L. Gauthier of Hartford. Was unable to visit the school but once, about the middle of the term. I found most of the pupils interested and the teacher working for that end and a fair improvment, up to that time. Average No. 9. Wages, \$2.75.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—This school is increasing in number and interest and needs more favorable circumstances under which to labor, in shape of a decent roof to cover it. Two successful terms have been taught by Miss F. L. Hall. The majority of the pupils made extra improvement, especially in reading and arithmetic. Average No. in the summer, 15. Wages, \$4.25 including board. Average No. in fall, 15. Wages. \$4.25.

The terms of Free High School were of great advantage to those pupils who were able to attend. In district No. 1, J. A. Putnam taught an average of 31 pupils and a great benefit was noticeable at the beginning of the winter term. Cost of school, \$90.00.

In district No. 3, Miss Ludden taught 35 pupils with an assistant for a few of the smaller classes. A good interest was manifested and good advancement made. Several came from each surrounding district, and the situation is so favorable for convening scholars of other districts, that I wish that the school might be maintained each year. Cost of school, \$85.00

By corresponding with Superintendent Luce, I found that the remainder of the money could not be used for another school the past year.

I have tried in the past two years in which, through your courtesy, I have had charge of the schools, to do what my ability would allow, to advance the interest of parents and pupils, and realizing the need of supervision agreeable to the progressive system of teaching we have, or ought to have. I ask you to elect some one in my place who is better qualified in these matters and who will raise the standard of our schools still higher, and any information that my observation or experience can give, shall be gladly given.

Respectfully submitted,

