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# Annual Report of the Selectmen, Assesors and Overseers of the Poor, Supervisor of Schools, of the Town of Peru, for the Year Ending Feb 17, 1892

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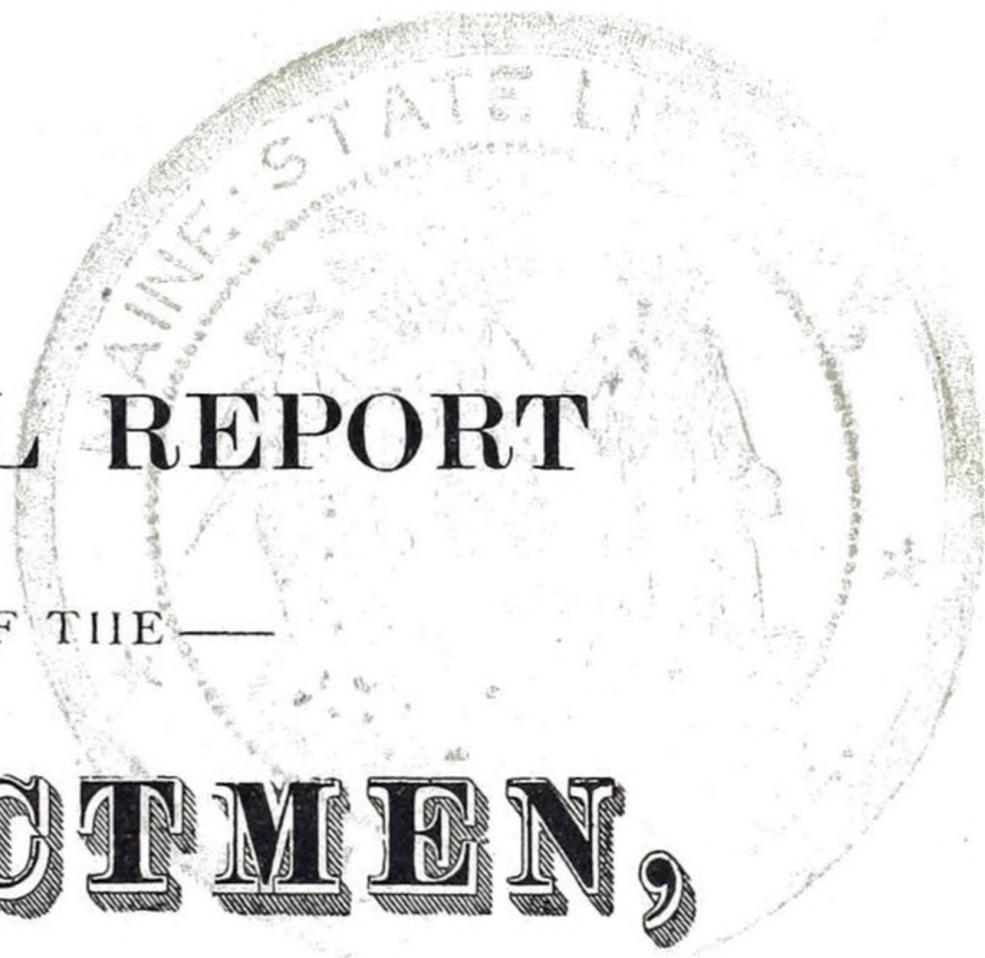
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ANNUAL REPORT  
— OF THE —  
**SELECTMEN,**

**ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF POOR**

— AND —  
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

— OF THE —  
**Town of Peru,**

*For the Year ending Feb. 17,*

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## Report of Selectmen.

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### VALUATION.

Total valuation, \$197.646

We have assessed a highway tax of \$1,000.00, at a percentage of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  mills on the dollar, and 185 polls at 85 cents each.

We have also assessed a State tax of \$572 03

A county tax of 206 60

Voted by town to defray town charges 2,000 00

Voted by town for support of roads 400 00

Voted by town for support of schools 800 00

With an overlay of 158 85————

Total amount committed to Daniel Fletch-

er, collector, \$4,140 92

Percentage of assessment, 2 cents on the dollar. 188  
polls at \$1 each.

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### EXPENSE OF POOR.

We have leased the town farm and personal property thereon, to A. K. P. Trask for one year from April 6, 1891, and he is to support Seth Jenne, and make such repairs as are necessary and receive from the town \$21 74

We have paid W. S. Walker & Son, for grass

seed, plow point and ox muzzles, 3 30

Paid for repairs on town farm buildings 10 75

Paid H. H. Lunt, use of bull, 1 00

Due Hiram Oldham 2nd, for shoeing oxen, 3 10

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Total expense of town farm for 1891, \$39 89

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## EXPENSE OF POOR NOT ON THE FARM.

Paid expense of James B. Poland and family for 1890 more than estimated at last report,	120 64
Paid expense of James B. Poland and family for 1891,	36 73
Paid expense of Etta Cates,	39 00
Paid expense of Ellery Poland,	72 00
Due Gardner Lovejoy, for keeping Samuel Lovejoy,	20 00
Paid expense of Sylvira C. Foye,	142 00
Due for F. J. Wing and family,	30 00
Due for Stephen P. Wing and family,	55 00
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	\$515 37
To which add expenses of town farm,	39 89
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Total expense of the poor,	\$555 26
Deduct expense of 1890 not reported,	120 64
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Total expense of the poor for 1891,	\$434 62

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Howard Turner, treasurer of Peru for 1891.

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Feb. 16, 1891, to Am't due on Wm. Woodsum's bills of 1889,	494 81
Feb. 16, 1891, to Am't due on Hiram E. Stillman's bills of 1890,	4,176 93
Feb. 16, 1891, to amount due on tax deeds,	156 56
Feb. 16, 1891, cash on hand,	286 00
Feb. 18, 1891, cash from town of Weld,	30 00
Feb. 25, " received for the Wm. Jones tax deed,	1 00
Feb. 27, " cash from State for High school fund,	87 50
June 13, " am't of Daniel Fletcher's bills, '91,	4,140 92
July 15, " received for use of road machine,	10 00
July 15, " to interest on tax deeds,	26 23

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Dec. 23, 1891, from town of Sumner,	85 00
Jan. 1, 1892, school fund and mill tax,	521 04
Feb. 16, 1892, received for Atlas Powder sold,	1 60
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Total,	\$10,020 59

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Sept. 7, 1891, by paid county tax,	206 60
Jan. 1, 1892, paid State tax,	572 03
Feb. 15, 1892, am't due on H. E. Stillman's bills 1890,	1,577 76
Feb. 15, '92, am't due on Daniel Fletcher's bills 1891,	2,846 01
Feb. 15, '92, orders and receipts turned in,	4,430 80
Feb. 15, '92, tax deeds on hand,	181 93
Feb. 15, '92, cash on hand,	205 46
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Total,	\$10,020 59

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We have expended on roads and bridges :

Unpaid bills of 1890	61 77
Expended in 1891 up to this date	195 18
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Total am't expended on roads and bridges,	\$256 95

ABATEMENTS.

We have granted the following orders of abatements :

Poll tax of Benj. F. Oldham 2nd, of 1889,	2 50
Poll and personal tax of Geo. W. Hammon, 1889,	6 42
Personal tax of Alpheus Burgess, of 1889,	1 06
Personal tax of Nathaniel G. Farrar of 1889,	96
Personal tax of Geo. T. Piper 1889,	96
Unpaid highway tax of M. Hall 1889,	7 00
Poll tax of Elias H. Lovejoy Jr., 1890,	3 00
Poll tax of Francis R. Burgess 1890	3 00
Poll tax of Chas. C. Knox 1890,	3 00

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Personal deficient highway of H. Millner 1890,	1 50
Personal deficient highway of Chas. L. Oldham 1890,	1 93

Total abatements,	\$31 33
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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid F. S. Collins, damage on highway,	125 00
Paid H. R. Robinson for blank books, postage and stationery, ferriage, etc.,	7 71
Paid O. C. Hopkins for express and books for town,	1 40
Paid O. C. Hopkins for guide boards and posts. etc.,	11 45
Paid E. N. Carver for advertising in paper,	50
Paid James W. Gowell for work and cash paid on guide boards and ferriage,	3 85
Paid H. R. Robinson, expenses to Poland and return,	3 20
Paid Ira J. Parlin for school books,	7 93
Estimated cost of printing this report,	8 00
Paid G. G. Richardson for examining cattle of A. J. Farrar and H. O. Rowe,	3 50

Total,	\$172 54
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TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

O. C. Hopkins, clerk,	9 00
Howard Turner, treasurer,	25 00
H. R. Robinson, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	49 25
James W. Gowell, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	38 75
O. C. Hopkins, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	37 75
Ira J. Parlin, supervisor of schools,	36 17
Daniel Fletcher, collector,	57 97

Total,	\$251 89
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### CURRENT EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR

Expense of the poor for 1891	434 62
Paid on roads and bridges	256 95
Incidental expenses	172 54
Orders of abatement of taxes	31 33
Town officers' bills	251 89
Interest accrued during the year	313 32
Interest on permanent school fund	34 38

Total,	\$1,495 03
Amount voted by town to pay town charges	2,400 00
Overlay authorized by law	158 85
Total,	\$2,558 85
Balance in favor 1891,	\$1,063 82

### FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

#### LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders bearing interest	6,888 08
Interest due to Feb. 18, 1892	279 84
Orders not on interest	383 10
Due the school districts	357 18
Bills due orders not drawn :	
Town officers' bills for 1891	251 89
Hiram Stillman's percentage for collecting, 1890,	106 14
Estimated unpaid pauper bills	105 00
Estimated, Albion K. Trask,	21 74
Estimated, Hiram Oldham 2nd,	3 10
Estimated cost of printing this report,	8 00
Estimated, for rent of meeting house,	55 00
Total liabilities,	\$8,459 07

#### RESOURCES

In the hands of the treasurer, Feb. 18,	4,811 16
Total indebtedness above available means to pay,	\$3,647 91

In conclusion, we would say that we visited the town farm Feb. 15, and were highly pleased with the management the past year. Mr. Trask has done a good fall's work and repaired the buildings, leaving the farm in good shape for another year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. R. ROBINSON,	} Selectmen	
JAS. W. GOWELL,		of
O. C. HOPKINS,		Peru.

## Supervisor's Report.

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*To the Citizens of Peru:*—I hereby submit the following report:

### FINANCIAL.

Amount raised by town,	\$800 00
Amount received from State,	521 04
Interest on permanent fund,	34 38
Total,	\$1,355 42

Ten per cent. of this was distributed among the smaller districts, making the following apportionment:

District No. 1,	\$165 87	District No. 6,	\$113 73
“ “ 2,	122 42	“ “ 7,	105 04
“ “ 3,	165 87	“ “ 8,	135 45
“ “ 4,	196 88	“ “ 9,	74 62
“ “ 5,	161 52	“ “ 11,	113 93

\$37.50 left from Free High School fund of last year, was given Dist. No. 5, the inhabitants contributing sufficient to make \$100, for a Free High School the past fall.

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DISTRICT NO. 1.—This school has been fortunate this year in having common sense seats placed in its house in place of the ordinary instruments of torture. Summer term was taught by Miss Bertha M. Wentworth of Dixfield. This was Miss Wentworth's first term and the school was doubly hard for a young teacher, having many small scholars and several well advanced. Although the term may not have been satisfactory to some in the district, a fair advancement was made and under the circumstances think the teacher did well. Length of school, 10 weeks. No. of pupils in summer, 28; average, 24. Wages \$2.50 per week; board, \$1.65.

Winter term taught by Mr. H. C. Thomas of Hartford, and is still in session. Mr. Thomas has a straightforward business like manner and I predict an interested and profitable term.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—Summer term taught by Emma P. Alley of Hartford, an experienced teacher, and who did credit to the school both in discipline and advancement. Whole number, 10; average, 9. Wages \$3.25; board, \$1.50.

Fall term taught by Mrs. May F. Robinson of this town. Mrs. Robinson needs no introduction as a teacher, to our town. I will simply say that she sustained her old-time reputation as regards order and interest, and the school is one of the best, except in size, in town. Whole No. attending, 13; average, 11. Length of school, 10 weeks.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Summer and fall terms taught by Miss F. L. Hall of this town. Miss Hall has taught several terms in this district and is well known as a teacher through town. Length of terms, 15 weeks. Number attending, 24; average, 22. Wages including board, \$5.00 per week.

Winter term taught by N. B. Woodsum of West Peru. Mr. Woodsum worked hard to make this a thorough term's work for the pupils, and made it successful for those who tried to learn. Whole number, 23; average, 18. No. of weeks, 9. Wages, \$30 per month.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Summer term taught by Miss Josie True of Turner, who has taught one successful term of school in town. Miss True is a very hard worker for her scholars and has a good faculty of explanation, but is a little fearful of handling scholars who think they must be *made to mind*. A more liberal interpretation of the law "made and provided" will make her a valuable teacher. No. attending, 23; average, 21. Length of term, 9 weeks. Wages, \$3.50; board, \$1.50.

Fall and winter terms taught by Joseph A. Putnam of this town. This school has made a good, thorough advancement for the year, and the discipline has been in good hands the past two terms. Mr. Putnam has worked faithfully and the school shows the benefit of his labor. Length of terms, 17 weeks. Attendance, fall 20; winter 25. Wages, fall \$23.00; winter \$35.60.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Summer term. Mrs. Carrie A. Gammon of this town, taught this school about six weeks and was obliged to close on account of sickness. The scholars were, for the most part small, and the teacher seemed to have a rare talent to interest them and I think the school was very profitable for the time she taught. The term was finished by Mrs. L. F. Phinney, and as I did not know when the school was to finish I failed to visit at the close. Length of term, 9 3-5 weeks. Average No., 15. Wages \$4.75, board included.

Winter term begun by Mr. L. C. Putnam, who was obliged to resign after one week on account of sickness. The school is now in charge of Mr. Roscoe Tracy, and bids fair to be all right.

DISTRICT No. 6. —Summer term, Miss Sadie Hall of Wilton, teacher. This school is small and this was Miss Hall's first attempt at teaching, and I will say that she possesses more qualities needed for a successful teacher than any young teacher I ever met. Her work was plain and thorough, and order good. The school is making good pro-

gress this year. Average number, 9. Length of term 8 weeks. Wages \$2.50. Board per week, \$1.50.

Winter term taught by Miss Bertha Wentworth of Dixfield. This was Miss Wentworth's second term, and at my visit at the beginning of the term I thought both teacher and scholars interested in the work. I was unable to visit at the close but think from what I learn that the school did well. If any criticism, would recommend a little straighter "toeing the line". Length of school 17 weeks. Whole number attending, 12. Average 10. Wages \$3.00. Board, \$1.50.

DISTRICT NO. 7. — As this school is so small I recommended having no summer term, as some might come from other districts later. The fall term was begun by Miss Blanche Joy of Buckfield, and continued 6 weeks when she was sick and obliged to close. The school appeared well at my visit. Mrs. Bertha P. Woodsum of this town then taught the school eleven weeks and kept up as good an interest as possible with an average of four scholars. A different arrangement should be made for this school as \$21 per capita for 17 weeks is not a judicious expenditure of school funds.

DISTRICT NO. 8. — Miss Hattie M. Danforth of Dixfield, taught both terms of this school and there appears to have been a good interest and improvement. Several of the larger pupils were absent at my last visit, but sufficient ground had been covered and those present appeared thorough in their studies.

Summer term 10 weeks with an average of 16 scholars. Wages \$3.00. Board, \$1.50. Winter term, 13 weeks. Wages, \$5.00. Board, \$1.50.

DISTRICT NO. 9 — Summer term taught by Miss L. M. Morrison of Sumner. This was her first term, the school was very small and pupils young, but I think were finely interested, and Miss Morrison bids fair, with practice, to become a first rate teacher. Wages, \$2.50. Board, \$1.20. Length of term, 9 weeks.

Fall term taught by Miss Mary E. Bryant of Sumner. Miss Bryant is capable of teaching a much harder and more advanced school, and I think, did all that one could expect with so small a school. Wages, \$3.00. Board, \$1.20. Length of term, 10 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 11. — Summer term taught by Lura M. Knight of this town. Miss Knight is a teacher of experience and well known as such, and carried this school on in her usual energetic manner. Good improvement was made, the studies gone over, I think, being thorough. Length of term, 8 weeks. Wages, \$3.00. Board \$1.50.

Fall term, Miss Julia F. Howard of this town. This was Miss Howard's first school and for one so young she did well. Experience, cultivation of decision and patience, will make her a successful teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages, \$2 75. Board, \$1.50.

A term of Free High School was taught in district No. 5 by N. B. Woodsum of this town. Length of school, 10 weeks. Number of pupils, 21. Wages \$40 per month including board.

In this school those who cared to learn received substantial aid and encouragement as far as I could judge, and in some cases, a departure from the improved methods of teaching to the old-time methods of discipline would have resulted in good to those interested.

But few improvements have been made in our school-houses where many are needed. No. 1 has made a decided advance in that direction, also No.'s 6 and 9.

A new house is to be built in No. 11 the coming year, and I ask them for their scholar's sakes not to be *too economical*.

The matter of arrangement for using the school money in district No. 7 I leave for wiser heads than mine, in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

IRA J. PARLIN, Supervisor.