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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF PERU,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY

1903.

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
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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
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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	
	\$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	
	\$338 56	
Total,		\$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	
	\$232 22	
Total expense poor,		\$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	
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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.

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.

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
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Balance unexpended,		\$32 43

REPAIR ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year,	\$ 27 36	
Appropriated,	150 00	
	—————	\$177 36
Disbursements,		51 82
		—————
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 school-house.

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.