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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN of PERU

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 14,

1908



E. C. Bowler, Publisher, Bethel, Me.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor.

ALBERT S. HOLMAN, AMBROSE B. McINTIRE,
HENRY O. ROWE.

Clerk,

W. S. ARNOLD.

Treasurer,

H. R. ROBINSON.

Superintendent of Schools.

B. W. KILBRETH.

Collector and Constable,

WILLARD S. ARNOLD.

School Committee,

H. R. ROBINSON, O. L. KNIGHT, A. B. McINTIRE.

Board of Health.

E. G. CHILD, E. S. NEWTON, U. G. McINTIRE.

Truant Officer.

E. S. NEWTON.

27605

Report of Selectmen.

The Selectmen of the town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 14, 1908.

VALUATION.

Real estate, resident,	\$153,656 00
Real estate, non-resident,	33,504 00
Personal estate, resident,	43,629 00
Personal estate, non-resident,	900 00
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Total valuation,	\$231,689 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax,	763 05
County tax,	436 26
To defray town charges,	600 00
For support of the poor,	400 00
For roads and bridges,	2,000 00
For steel bridge,	800 00
For common schools,	1,000 00
For repairs on schoolhouses,	300 00
For school books,	100 00
Overlay,	32 60
Supplementary,	124 80
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Total commitment,	\$6,556 71

Percentage of assessment .026 on the dollar.

Number of polls taxed, 204.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

We have leased the town farm and personal property thereon to A. B. McIntire for one year from Apr. 6th, 1907. 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 personal property on the farm: 12 hens 100 lbs pork, two thirds bbl. flour.

EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR.

Paid R. A. Pinkham, for wall paper,	\$6 00
J. A. Putnam, saw bill,	4 06
Barrett & Kidder, for grass seed and nails,	4 48
A. B. McIntire, for keeping tramps,	2 50
A. B. McIntire, on account of Samuel Jackson,	10 00
A. B. McIntire, for repairs,	10 49
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	\$37 53

EXPENSE OF POOR NOT ON FARM.

Paid L. D. Small, for support of Mrs. Daniel Gammon,	\$310 28
Paid Geo. W. Goding & Son, for supplies for C. H. Wing,	152 05
Paid E. C. Staples, for supplies for C. H. Wing,	13 09
Paid L. A. Bisbee, for wood,	10 32
Paid E. W. Howe, for wood,	4 00
Paid John A. Putnam, for wood,	2 00
Paid John Wyman, for wood,	1 50
Paid Charles Andrews,	14 00
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	\$196 96
Paid Insane Hospital, for support of Mrs. Lena E. Durrell,	\$125 01
Paid W. M. Peas, M. D., for medical attendance for Marguerite Johnson,	37 50

Paid Geo. W. Goding & Son, for supplies for Roscoe Coolidge,	13 72
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Total expense of poor,	\$721 00
Received from State on account of C. H. Wing,	\$105 28
Due from State on account of C. H. Wing,	91 68
Rec'd from town of Dixfield on account of Lena Durrell,	125 01
Due from town of Dixfield, on account of Roscoe Coolidge,	13 72
Received from town of Livermore on account of Johnson child,	37 50
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	\$373 19
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Expense of the towns poor,	\$347 81

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Raised by town, \$2,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

Expended previous to March 11, 1907, by S. A. Getchell.

Paid W. H. Phinney,	\$ 3 52
Geo. W. Oldham,	5 70
A. M. Curtis,	4 05
D. W. Oldham,	4 04
Sewall Staples,	7 80
Robert Gillispie,	4 23
E. W. Knox,	2 59
L. H. Davenport,	67
H. H. Andrews,	11 20
Ira B. Wing Jr.,	90
Ernest Andrews,	1 72
Herbert Lunt,	2 17

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E. S. Demerritt, use of water tub,	3 00
J. E. Conant,	8 92
Alex McPhee,	4 65
E. M. Gammon,	11 85
H. R. Robinson,	4 28
M. G. Morrill & Son,	10 81
A. W. Knight,	5 83
C. J. Tracy,	3 59
Walter Cunningham,	5 30
Walter Knox,	3 15
Grafton B. Gordon,	3 87
E. G. Bassett,	20 15
W. H. Cox,	10 76
A. B. McIntire,	1 24
C. H. Matthews,	12 05
J. C. Wyman, water tub,	3 00
G. W. Cote,	7 95
D. L. Chenery,	35 02
Joseph A. Putnam,	98
Cecil Putnam,	1 58
O. O. Tracy,	7 16
H. O. Rowe,	5 52
Geo. S. Smith,	1 50
D. W. Piper,	4 05
E. B. Fletcher,	6 15
A. J. Farrar,	6 30
Ira B. Wing,	2 15
O. L. Knight,	3 45
James Miller,	3 27
Burt Trask,	1 05
H. E. Stillman,	1 50
Melvin Knox,	10 60
N. B. Lufkin,	10 40
O. R. Delano,	1 20
Arthur L. Gordon,	5 25
Stanley Bisbee, for dynamite, fuse, caps, drills, etc.,	33 96

F. F. Burgess,	21 00
J. P. York,	7 15
B. D. Packard,	3 70
E. G. Child,	2 15

\$344 08

**EXPENDED BY O. T. WOODBURY. SNOW BILLS FOR MARCH
AND APRIL, 1907.**

Paid Geo. W. Oldham,	5 40
A. J. Farrar,	8 90
Frank Demerritt,	8 80
Sewell Staples,	3 08
A. L. York,	2 25
O. L. Knight,	2 36
Leo Lunt,	1 16
J. H. Conant,	10 70
E. G. Bassett,	19 12
W. H. Cox,	10 20
H. E. Stillman,	2 90
B. C. Kidder,	1 30
W. W. Gordon,	4 87
Burt C. Kidder,	1 57

\$82 61

EXPENDED BY O. T. WOODBURY ON HIGHWAY, SEASON 1907.

Paid L. H. Poland, labor,	16 00
M. M. Moy, labor,	20 00
A. W. Knight, labor,	4 00
L. H. Poland, labor,	35 00
A. L. York, labor,	6 75
Harry Whittemore, labor,	5 03
A. L. York, labor,	5 03
M. Moy, labor,	27 00

Simeon Morrill, labor,	22 50
Martin Moy, labor,	17 00
C. L. Matthews, labor,	7 00
M. G. Morrill, labor,	10 50
James Miller, labor,	2 37
Bert Trask, labor,	1 00
L. H. Poland, labor,	28 50
W. S. Hotham, labor,	114 00
Martin Moy, labor,	11 00
Martin Moy, labor,	23 00
Simeon Morrill, labor,	13 50
W. W. Gordon, labor,	3 62
C. L. Burgess, labor,	23 25
O. T. Woodbury, labor,	77 00
Victor Eastman, labor,	40 00
Will Hopkins, labor,	51 25
C. L. Burgess, labor,	17 50
Charles Howard, labor,	17 25
A. W. Kirkpatrick, labor,	2 55
C. L. Burgess, labor,	5 00
Simeon Morrill, labor,	1 50
W. H. Cunningham, labor,	16 25
D. W. Lovejoy, labor,	9 00
Walter Knox, labor,	90
J. E. Goggin, labor,	28 50
L. H. Poland, labor,	21 50
S. H. McIntire, labor,	54 87
A. B. McIntire, labor,	1 45
John Smith, labor,	42 00
John A. Putnam, labor,	45 00
John A. Putnam, plank,	20 00
D. W. Oldham, labor,	2 95
D. W. Walker, lumber,	1 65
John Burgess, labor,	11 57
Clyde Burgess, labor,	9 75
C. W. Howard, labor,	4 25
A. E. Cowell, repairs on road machine,	12 15

Arnold Bros., for repairs on road machine,	1 54
E. S. Newton, repairs,	3 15
Melvin Knox, labor,	3 00
N. B. Lufkin, labor,	4 50
James E. Irish, labor,	4 85
O. T. Woodbury, labor,	73 30
G. B. Gordon, plank,	48 62
Arthur L. Child, labor,	9 75
G. S. Smith, labor,	1 50
J. W. Labor, labor,	1 50
J. E. Goggin, labor,	1 50
O. R. Delano, labor,	2 70
D. L. Chenery, labor,	14 07
S. H. McIntire, labor,	11 00
Willis Haines, labor,	9 63
Daniel Lovejoy, labor,	5 25
Harry Lovejoy, labor,	4 38
Daniel Lovejoy, labor,	6 17
Lewis Burgess, labor,	1 75
E. E. Demerritt, labor,	1 75
Charles Andrews, labor,	10 00
John Wiken, labor,	14 37
W. S. Hotham, labor,	22 00
Burt Kidder, labor,	10 25
A. S. Holman, labor,	8 85
G. W. Cotes, labor,	7 52
J. S. Russell, labor and plank,	32 58
Arthur B. Child, labor,	12 00
E. M. Gammon, labor,	4 80
J. S. Russell, labor,	5 67
Clyde Burgess, labor,	3 00
L. E. Irish, labor,	2 00
A. L. Harlow, labor,	7 87
S. H. McIntire, labor,	5 25
J. E. Irish, labor,	16 00
E. W. Knox, labor,	2 97

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Raymond and Adams, plank,	24 67
Will Hopkins, labor,	5 50
Emery Cox, labor,	5 25
Henry Bryant, labor,	2 63
G. H. Libby, labor and water tub,	6 88
J. P. York, labor,	5 99
E. S. Demerritt, use of water tub,	3 00
F. F. Burgess, labor,	9 00
Robert Gillispie, labor,	4 15
J. E. Conant, use of water tub,	3 00
H. R. Robinson, use of water tub,	3 00
G. W. Goding & Son, dynamite, fuse, caps, spikes, etc.,	11 08

\$1,349 08

SNOW BILL FOR WINTER OF 1907-1908.

Paid	B. D. Packard,	5 60
	D. L. Chenery,	8 70
	D. W. Oldham,	2 17
	O. T. Woodbury,	8 50
	Walter Cunningham,	2 70
	Ernest Andrews,	1 50
	H. E. Bowker,	1 50
	Harry Lovejoy,	2 24
	Frank Demerritt,	6 60
	E. W. Knox,	2 32
	J. S. Russell,	2 10
	E. L. Knox,	3 10
	D. W. Lovejoy,	3 20
	C. S. Luce,	3 05
	E. Wiken,	52
	Melvin Knox,	4 80
	J. R. Morrill,	6 60
	L. K. Lovejoy,	7 57
	Robert Gillispie,	1 85
	J. E. Conant,	5 82

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W. H. Cox,	6 44
E. G. Bassett,	14 80
E. P. Burgess,	1 87
L. H. Davenport,	1 12
C. B. Knox,	45
A. B. McIntire,	68
C. J. Tracy,	2 20
G. W. Cote,	2 80
A. W. Knight,	3 05
H. H. Andrews,	13 25
M. G. Morrill & Son,	7 80
E. M. Gammon,	1 65
L. K. Lovejoy,	10 00
B. L. Trask,	87
L. F. Oldham,	1 65
Geo. W. Oldham,	3 15
E. W. Sturtevant,	11 00
B. C. Kidder,	1 60
J. C. Oldham,	2 40
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	\$167 22
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Total amount expended for year,	\$1,942 99
Balance unexpended,	\$57 01

STEEL BRIDGE.

Appropriation, \$800 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Canton Bridge Co.,	\$235 00
Cox & Ward Co. for cement,	27 00
James Kerr, for derrick,	20 50
S. A. Getchell, labor,	60 25
James Turple,	33 65
Cox & Ward, for cement,	18 00
J. S. Russell, labor,	36 50
L. E. Irish, labor,	48 37

Adna Knight, labor,	29 75	
D. O. Delano, labor,	27 13	
J. C. Oldham, labor,	34 00	
B. C. Kidder, labor,	26 25	
C. S. Luce, labor,	11 65	
A. S. Holman, labor	17 30	
Maine Central R. R. Co., freight,	11 20	
Thomas Rolls, labor,	1 75	
Raymond & Adams, plank,	26 90	
Thomas Rolls,	1 75	
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	\$666 95	
Rec'd for cement sold,	5 62	
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		\$661 33
Balance unexpended,		\$148 67

SCHOOLS.**RECEIPTS.**

Amount raised by town,	\$1,000 00	
Rec'd from State,	657 99	
Interest on permanent school fund,	34 38	
Unexpended balance Feb. 14, 1907,	13 11	
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		\$1,705 48

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid teachers salaries,	\$1,348 20	
Pair janitors,	43 25	
Paid for conveying pupils,	229 50	
Paid for fuel,	48 07	
Due for fuel,	67 75	
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		\$1,736 77
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Overdrawn,		\$31 29

HIGH SCHOOL.

Balance unexpended Feb. 14th, 1907,	\$116 72	
Due from State, July 1st, 1907,	66 64	
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Teachers salary,	\$133 32	
		\$133 32
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Balance unexpended,		\$50 04

REPAIR ACCOUNT.**RECEIPTS.**

Unexpended balance Feb. 14, 1907,	\$ 13 11	
Appropriated by the town,	300 00	
Received from Perley B. Child.	5 00	
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DISBURSEMENTS.

By paid bills approved by School Com- mittee,		\$317 27
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Balance unexpended,		84

TEXT BOOKS.**RECEIPTS.**

Appropriated by town,	\$100 00	
Balance unexpended,	17 25	
Received from town of Dixfield for books,	25 68	
Due for books sold,	6 24	
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DISBURSEMENTS.

By bills paid, approved by school committee,	108 90	
		\$108 90
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Balance unexpended,		\$40 27

LIST OF ABATEMENTS ON TAX BILLS OF 1905.

Arno J. Austin, real estate, by vote of town,	\$ 7 50
Allen H. Brainard, poll, unable to locate,	2 00
Mrs. Abel A. Davis, real estate,	2 50
Leon M. Grant, poll and personal,	4 50
John Nute, poll, unable to locate,	2 00
James Nason, poll, paid in Limington,	2 00
James A. Stevens, poll, unable to locate,	2 00
M. W. Smith, poll, unable to locate,	2 00
Edgar D. Wing, poll and personal, unable to collect,	2 88
Alfred B. Walker, by order of Selectmen,	2 00
Heirs of G. W. Gordon, real estate, by order of Selectmen,	25
Stowell, Newton S., personal, illegal,	18 75
Wm. Allen, poll and personal, unable to collect,	5 00
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	\$53 38

ABATEMENTS FOR 1906.

Charles E. Knox, personal, by vote of town,	\$28 00
James A. Nason, poll, paid in Limington,	2 00
Irving A. Dean, paid in Dixfield,	2 00
Howard Rice, poll, unable to collect,	2 00
Estate of Charles Foster, personal, illegal,	70 00
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	\$102 00

ABATEMENTS FOR BILLS OF 1907.

Wm. H. Bent, poll, soldier,	\$ 2 00
Roscoe Coolidge, personal,	65
Heirs of Geo. W. Gordon, real estate,	26
Stowell, Newton S., personal, illegal,	124 80
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	\$127 71
Total abatements for 1905, 1906, 1907,	\$283 09

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Geo. D. Loring & Co., for blanks,	\$ 4 83
Rumford Falls Pub. Co., for printing report, more than estimated,	25 00
Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies for schools,	20 50
B. W. Kilbreth, incidentals,	10 97
B. W. Kilbreth, incidentals for schools,	7 70
Hollis Turner, G. A. R. Post,	5 00
W. S. Arnold, for record book,	1 25
B. W. Kilbreth, incidentals for schools,	7 36
Leon McIntire, janitor for High School,	3 00
B. W. Kilbreth, incidentals, for schools,	7 15
R. A. Pinkham, for painting Town Hall,	24 00
Mrs. Della Oldham, for cleaning schoolhouse,	2 00
Mrs. Mary L. Goggin, cleaning school-rooms,	9 00
Z. W. Taylor, for express on school books,	3 63
Holt Brothers, incidentals for schools,	6 20
Arnold Brothers, for lead and oil for Town Hall,	22 00
Barrett & Kidder, lead and oil for Town Hall,	5 90
B. D. Packard, damage by dogs,	16 00
J. P. York, building fence around schoolhouse,	10 59
B. W. Kilbreth, incidentals for schools,	5 10
Town of Dixfield, for tuition,	130 00
Guy O. Gardner, incidentals for schools,	1 17
B. A. Swasey, for burial expenses of Mrs. Philema Page,	35 00
Town of Gorham, tuition,	4 00

J. H. Lovejoy & Son, damage by dogs,	190 00
S. F. Robinson, incidentals for schools,	1 00
Linwood Knox, incidentals for schools,	10 50
Mrs. Lorna Holman, cleaning school-room,	2 00
Sumner Knox, incidentals for Superintendent of Schools,	4 00
Barrett & Kidder, incidentals for schools,	4 02
Charles C. Shaw, tuition,	3 60
J. S. Sturtevant, M. D., birth and death cer- tificates,	3 25
B. W. Kilbreth, incidentals,	6 16
town of Dixfield, tuition,	130 00
H. Robinson, for postage and stationery,	2 60
U. G. McIntire, for cash paid for chemicals, postage, stationery etc.,	6 50
A. S. Holman, for cash paid out for postage, stationery, justice fees, blanks, etc,	7 89
amount overdrawn for schools,	31 29
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	\$738 87

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid W. S. Arnold, Town Clerk,	\$12 43
H. R. Robinson, Treasurer,	45 00
B. W. Kilbreth, Superintendent,	96 50
H. R. Robinson, member of school committee,	7 50
O. L. Knight, member of school committee,	8 18
A. B. McIntire, member of school committee,	6 75
E. S. Newton, Truant officer,	1 00
U. G. McIntire, member board of health,	3 00
E. S. Newton, member board of health,	1 50
E. G. Child,	1 75
Albert S. Holman, Selectman, Assessor, etc,	115 95
A. B. McIntire, Selectman, Assessor, etc,	77 25
H. O. Rowe, Selectman, Assessor, etc,	38 75
Due, W. S. Arnold, collector for 1907,	93 26
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	\$508 82

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Expended for the year of 1907,	\$ 347 81
on roads and bridges,	1,942 99
new bridge,	661 33
abatements for year 1905,	53 38
abatements for year 1906,	102 00
abatements for year 1907,	127 71
Miscellaneous expenses,	738 87
Town officers' bills,	508 82
Interest accrued during year,	51 82
Repairs on schoolhouses,	317 27
School books,	108 90
Overdrawn by the schools,	31 29
Interest on permanent school fund,	34 38
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	\$5,026 57

RECEIPTS.

Amount raised to defray town charges,	\$600 00
for support of poor,	400 00
for roads and bridges,	2,000 00
steel bridge,	800 00
school books,	100 00
repairs on schoolhouses,	300 00
Supplementary tax,	124 80
Overlay,	32 60
Received from State dog licenses refunded,	62 32
Received from State for burial expenses of Philema	
Page,	35 00
Due from State for tuition,	133 80

Received from Superintendent of Schools for books sold,	8 07
from Superintendent, for damages to Dick-vale schoolhouse,	5 00
from Dixfield for books,	21 68
from State, damage by dogs,	206 00
from Barrett & Kidder on account of ferry,	2 50
Due for school books sold,	6 24
Due for paper sold,	10 06
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	\$4,848 07

TAXES OF YEAR 1906 REMAINING UNPAID

Arnold Brothers,	\$52 02
Stillman Bishop,	2 00
Leon F. Burgess,	2 00
Francis B. Carpenter,	2 00
Burt Smith,	2 00
John Williams,	3 26
Samuel Wade,	3 12
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	\$66 40

TAXES OF YEAR 1907 REMAINING UNPAID.

Arnold Brothers,	\$56 39
Stillman Bishop,	2 00
Leon F. Burgess,	2 00
Perley B. Child,	2 00
Geo. S. Smith,	9 15
Burt H. Smith,	2 00
Sewell Staples,	1 00
Samuel B. Wade,	2 00
Fred Williamson,	2 00
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	\$78 54

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

FEB. 14, 1908.

RESOURCES.

Cash in hands of treasurer,		\$3,159	51
Uncollected taxes of 1906,	\$ 91		93
Uncollected taxes of 1907,		68	54
Tax deeds on hand,		132	67
Due from State on account of paupers,		91	68
Due from Dixfield for paupers,		13	72
Due from State, tuition,		133	80
Due for paper sold by B. W. Kilbreth,		10	06
Town farm and personal property,		533	00
		\$1,075 40	
		\$4,234 91	

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders not in interest,	\$1,254		94
Due the collector for 1906-07,		198	71
Due for wood for schools,		67	75
		\$1,521 40	
Resources more than liabilities,			\$2,713 51

All of which we respectfully submit,

ALBERT S. HOLMAN,	}	<i>Selectmen of Peru.</i>
A. B. McINTIRE,		
H. O. ROWE.		

Report of Treasurer.

FEB. 14, 1907, DR.

	To amount due on tax bills of 1905,	\$ 136 50
	amount due on tax bills of 1906,	5,281 12
	tax deeds on hand,	61 19
	cash on hand,	495 37
Feb. 15,	received from town of Dixfield, on account of ferry,	72 29
Mar. 2,	received from State, on account of High School,	200 00
3,	received from State, on account of State paupers,	64 83
	received from town of Hartford, on account of paupers,	64 41
28,	received from M. T. DeShon, guardian of Wallace DeShon,	32 66
Apr. 12,	received from town clerk dog license,	20 00
15,	received from State, dog licenses refunded,	62 32
29,	received for school books,	4 07
May 3,	received from town clerk, dog licenses,	22 00
	received from tax bills for 1907,	6,431 91
	received from town clerk for dog licenses,	29 00
28,	received from town of Windham,	391 19
29,	received from town clerk for dog licenses,	13 00

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May 31,	supplementary tax,	124 80
June 20,	received from State, soldier's burial expenses,	35 00
	received from State on account of State paupers,	55 38
	received from town clerk, dog licenses,	6 00
July 12,	received from Supt. of Schools, on account of damage to schoolhouse,	5 00
23,	received from State on account of High School,	199 98
24,	received from town clerk for dog license,	1 00
Aug. 20,	received from State on account of State paupers,	49 90
Nov. 26,	received from town of Dixfield for school books,	21 68
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Jan. 8,	received from State, damage by dogs,	206 00
15,	received from town of Dixfield for support of Lena Durrell,	125 01
20,	received from town of Livermore, on account of paupers,	37 50
	received from State school fund,	657 99
	received from town of Dixfield for school books,	4 00
Feb. 14,	received for cement,	5 62
	received from Barrett & Kidder, on account of ferry,	2 50

 \$14,919 22

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By town orders turned over,	\$9,937 35
receipts,	1,299 51
tax deeds,	132 67
tax bills of 1906,	193 93
tax bills of 1907,	196 25
cash to balance,	3,159 51
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	\$14,919 22

H. R. ROBINSON, *Treasurer.*

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

To the Superintending School Committee of the town of Peru;

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit to you my first annual report of the condition of the schools in the town of Peru. It has been my aim to frame in this report a statement of facts, indicating as nearly as possible what Peru schools are, not what they might be.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of persons in town 5 to 21 years of age,	221
Number of pupils registered in spring term,	121
Number of pupils registered in fall term,	118
Number of pupils registered in winter term,	119
Average attendance in spring term,	105
Average attendance in fall term,	103
Average attendance in winter term,	99
Number terms taught by male teachers,	3
Number terms taught by female teachers,	13
Average wages of teachers per week,	8 00
Number cases of tardiness for the year,	218
Number pupils not absent one half day,	64
Average number of daily recitations,	26
Number of visits of citizens,	131
Number of visits of Superintendent,	46

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation 1907-08,		\$1,000 00
School land fund,		34 38
State school fund and mill tax,		657 99
Balance unexpended Feb. 14, 1907,		13 11
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Total amount available,		\$1,705 48
Paid teachers' salaries,	\$1,348 20	
Paid janitors,	43 25	
Paid for transportation,	229 50	
Paid for wood,	115 82	
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		\$1,736 77
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Overexpended Feb. 21, 1908,		\$31 29

FUEL.

E. M. Howard,		\$1 87
A. J. Farrar,		12 25
Herbert Richardson,		50
N. S. Stowell,		2 50
Burt W. Kilbreth,		2 25
Fred Bassett,		75
Harold Holman,		75
Frank DeMerritt,		18 00
John Putnum,		4 00
H. R. Robinson,		2 75
Howard Turner,		2 45
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		\$48 07

ORDERS NOT DRAWN.

A. J. Farrar,	\$12 25
H. R. Robinson,	17 00
P. K. Child,	11 25
A. L. Harlow,	11 25
James Miller,	16 00
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	\$67 75
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	\$115 82

JANITORS.

Herbert Richardson, (Winter 1906-07)	\$1 00
Fred Bassett, 3 terms,	8 00
Edyth Judkins, spring,	2 50
Herbert Richardson, spring,	2 50
Carroll Robinson, 3 terms,	8 00
B. W. Kilbreth, 3 terms,	8 00
Olive Johnson, fall,	2 75
Blanche McIntire, fall,	2 25
Lottie McIntire, winter,	2 75
Leslie Gordon, winter,	2 75
Eva J. Dixon, winter,	2 75
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	\$43 25

CONVEYANCE.

D. H. Conant, spring and fall,	\$100 00
Roy C. Knox, spring and fall,	85 50
Mrs. Elmer Knox, winter,	44 00
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	\$229 50

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,		\$100 00
Unexpended balance, Feb. 14, 1907,		17 25
Received from Town of Dixfield,		3 50
Received from Leo W. Lunt,		82
Received from Ralph Atkins,		1 92
Received from Town of Dixfield,		25 68
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		\$149 17
F. E. Pickering,	\$21 00	
Am. Book Co.,	9 10	
Am. Book Co.,	43 28	
Silver, Burdett Co.,	14 40	
D. C. Heath Co.,	19 00	
Am. Book Co.,	2 12	
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		\$108 90
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Balance unexpended,		\$40 27

REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Unexpended balance,	3 01
Received from Perley Child, Dickvale damages,	5 00
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Total amount available,	\$308 01
Dixfield Lumber Company,	\$ 2 20
B. W. Kilbreth,	2 64
Dixfield Lumber Company,	2 84
Harry Crockett,	2 00
Irish & Cloutier,	26 72
Henry G. Thayer,	22 69

Dixfield Lumber Company,	37 37	
J. A. Putnum,	2 00	
C. M. Small,	1 25	
A. W. Atkins,	34 75	
Ralph Atkins,	26 44	
B. W. Kilbreth,	34 70	
A. W. Atkins,	11 17	
Ralph Atkins,	10 28	
B. W. Kilbreth,	8 10	
Raymond & Adams,	9 18	
E. S. Newton,	1 20	
Sumner Knox,	5 75	
Dixfield Lumber Company,	20 77	
Barrett & Kidder,	31 21	
H. R. Robinson,	1 85	
E. P. Haynes,	2 50	
J. E. Goold & Co.,	8 02	
Fred Bassett,	75	
B. W. Kilbreth,	1 20	
		\$307 58
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Balance unexpended,		43

INCIDENTAL EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

Holt Bros. for 500 vouchers,	\$ 2 80
B. W. Kilbreth, freight, car fare, horse hire, tele- phoning, water pails and ink,	15 87
Edward E. Babb & Co., Newspaper Pads and Lithoplate blackboards,	20 50
J. P. York, building fence at Highland school grounds,	10 59

B. W. Kilbreth, express, car fare, telephoning, two stove fronts, cleaning out outbuildings, cash paid Holt Bros. for printing certificates, and postage,	14 51
Z. W. Taylor, express on Arithmetics,	3 63
May L. Goggin, cleaning schoolhouses at Peru Center, Union, Dickvale and West Peru,	9 00
Della Oldham, cleaning schoolhouse at Pond,	2 00
Holt Bros., printing 500 book labels and 50 diplomas,	6 20
B. W. Kilbreth, car fare, telephoning, express and broom,	5 10
Guy O. Gardiner, pens, note books, ink etc.,	1 17
S. F. Robinson, 1½ gross steel pens,	1 00
Linwood Knox, putting ropes into flag poles at Union, Dickvale and West Peru schoolhouses,	10 50
Mrs. A. S. Holman, cleaning schoolhouse at East Peru,	2 00
Sumner Knox, horse hire, (superintendent)	4 00
Barrett & Kidder, rope, ink, paper, etc.,	4 02
B. W. Kilbreth, express, car fare postage, brooms, dust pan,	6 16
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	\$119 05
Cash received for paper sold,	10 06
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	\$108 99

APPARATUS ACCOUNT.

Unexpended balance Feb. 22, 1907	\$6 20
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REPAIRS TO DICKVALE SPECIAL.

Unexpended balance Feb. 22, 1907,		\$10 10
A. A. Burgess, building and setting steps . at Dickvale,	\$6 90	
Dixfield Lumber Co. material for steps,	2 79	
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SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SPRING.

Name of School.	Teacher.	Pupils Registered.	Average Number.	Length of Term.	Wages.
Center	Lelia Davis	27	22.6	10	\$ 7.00
West	B. W. Kilbreth	31	28.3	10	8.50
Dickvale	Gladys C. Davis	26	19.7	10	7.00
Highland	Edyth Judkins	23	20.6	10	7.00
Pond	Roxa E. Conant	14	13.7	10	7.00

FALL.

Center	Mabelle F. Sawyer	21	20	11	8.50
West	B. W. Kilbreth	36	30	11	10.00
Dickvale	Olive Johnson	19	17.9	11	7.50
Pond	Florence Giffin	15	13	11	7.50
Union	Lula J. Wing	27	22	10 1-5	8.50

WINTER.

Center	Mabelle F. Sawyer	16	13	11	8.50
West	B. W. Kilbreth	37	31	11	10.00
Dickvale	Olive Johnson	21	19	11	7.50
Pond,	Florence Giffin	14	11	11	7.50
Union	Alice M. Kilbreth	23	21	11	8.50

HIGH SCHOOL.

Balance unexpended, July 1, 1906,	\$ 25 04
Appropriation for year ending, July 1, 1907,	225 00
Received from State,	199 98
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	\$450 02
Teacher's salary to July 1, 1907,	399 96
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Balance unexpended	\$50 06

HIGH SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Paid Leon McIntire, janitor,	\$ 3 00
Cash paid out for tuition of Peru scholars attending Dixfield High School.	
Henry Brackett, fall and winter,	\$ 20 00
Archer Burgess, " " "	20 00
Ethel DeMerritt, " " "	20 00
Albert Getchell, " " "	20 00
Sidney Goggin, " " "	20 00
Leon McIntire, " " "	20 00
Charlie Robinson, " " "	20 00
Edward Turner, " " "	20 00
Gerald Woodsum, " " "	20 00
Mildred Walker, " " "	20 00
Colby Walker, " " "	20 00
Sidney Hazelton, " " "	20 00
Louise Gammon, fall term,	10 00
Pearl Miller, winter term,	10 00
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	\$260 00
Paid town of Gorham for tuition of Leo W. Lunt, two terms,	7 60
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Amount expended,	\$267 60

In general, I am glad to say that in the most of our schools the teachers have done faithful and efficient work. There has been but one or two schools where cases of dissatisfaction have been reported. We sometimes find a teacher who does not in every way take the interest in her work that might be considered advisable for the best interests of the schools. It requires an interested teacher to be able to interest the pupil; furthermore, although we may deplore the fact that we are unable to pay higher salaries to our teachers, yet we must remember that the teacher who engages to teach a school at a small salary is under the same obligation to devote the best of her time and energy to the interest of the school, just as truly as if she received a salary twice as large.

The day has gone by when the successful teacher can perform her work in a day of six hours. We find the most successful teachers now laboring with and for her pupils, eight, ten and even twelve hours a day. Before the best results may be obtained, the teacher should understand something of the home conditions and influences surrounding the pupil, and there should ever be the most hearty and cordial co-operation between parent and teacher.

The problem of grading our rural schools presents many difficulties which cannot be successfully solved in a single year. Pupils should not be encouraged to enter High school until they have thoroughly mastered the studies of the common school. Especially should we guard against the evil of entering the high school at too early an age.

The course of study in the modern High school present many difficulties to the average pupil of immature years thereby resulting in discouragement and the pupils' leaving school. Such has been the example in our own town. To remedy this we have put into our course of study an extra year which gives them a thorough review in Arithmetic,

Grammar, and Physiology, and an insight into Algebra and Bookkeeping.

The average scholar should not be allowed to enter the High school until he has reached the age of fourteen or perhaps fifteen years. Of course there may be exceptions, but in the majority of cases I think you will find the above condition true.

I would advise the voters of the town of Peru to purchase Union Hall, West Peru, and fit it up for school purposes, at the present time it can be done for very little money.

There are thirty-seven scholars in this school and one teacher cannot do the work that belongs to her to do and obtain good results. I would divide the school, having the higher grades up stairs and the lower grades below. I would recommend \$300 for the purchase of this building and fitting up same for school purposes.

TRANSPORTATION.

This is one of our most important as well as most difficult problems, At this time I have arrived at no satisfactory solution. In the spring and fall the pupils were carried from East Peru to Peru Center. It was thought best to open a school at the East Peru schoolhouse in the winter. The pupils from the Union district were carried to the Highland school in the spring, on account of the High school which was in session at that time. In the fall we started a school in the Union district and as nearly all the pupils belonged there, it left only three pupils in the Highland school; so this fall and winter they have been conveyed to the Union school.

I heartily favor the uniting of two or more small schools, when it can be done. It is certainly unprofitable and also undesirable to maintain schools of eight and ten

scholars, unless existing conditions make it absolutely necessary. Thus the question naturally resolves itself into the transportation of scholars to a nearby district, or the removing of schoolhouses to such location that they may accommodate two or more districts.

I think it would be advisable to convey from the Highland to the Union school next spring and fall and give them a school in the winter. I think there will be pupils enough to hold a school at East Peru the present year and as the pupils are mostly small I should recommend running a school in that district.

REPAIRS.

We have done quite an extensive business at repair work the past year. A woodshed and outbuilding have been built at the West Peru schoolhouse which is a great improvement. Outbuildings have also been built at the Pond and East Peru schoolhouses. We put in some new steps at the Dickvale schoolhouse which was very much needed. A few other necessary repairs have also been made, such as setting glass, etc.

Some of our buildings need work done on them another year. At the Pond, the building needs to be clapboarded and painted. East Peru schoolhouse needs under-pinning righted up, joints pointed, new front door, and a good coat of paint. The schoolbuilding at Dickvale needs shingling and painting.

I would recommend \$250 for repairs for the coming year.

BOOKS.

Some excellent books on Nature and Wards' Primers and First-Readers have been purchased. We also purchased Wards' Business Forms for the use of the Preparatory class.

The Arithmetics in use in the lower grades were anything but satisfactory, and after a long careful study we exchanged the old books for the Milne's Progressive Arithmetic which is considered one of the best books in print. It has given entire satisfaction.

We have quite a number of books in use at the present time that are too hard for the average scholar.

I would recommend \$125 for the purchase of school books another year.

I am sorry to say that there is one thing lacking in every school in town, that is a good map of Maine, I therefore recommend \$50 to be raised for the purchase of maps.

In regard to the matter of the general common school appropriation, I would recommend the raising of \$1,100 for the support of schools.

You will notice that the appropriation this year was overdrawn a little but it was voted at the regular meeting of the School board to advance the wages of teachers, which was a grand idea, as we shall be able to secure better teachers and have better schools. A shortage in fuel caused us to overdraw a little. It is well for us to economize in all our appropriations, but when it becomes necessary to practice close economy, I believe that the appropriation for the support of common schools should be the last to be curtailed.

In conclusion, allow me to express my thanks to the School Committee for their help and encouragement; to the citizens of Peru for their co-operation and forbearance; and to the teachers and pupils for their good work.

Respectfully submitted,

BURT W. KILBRETH, *Superintendent of Schools.*

School Board Report.

To the Citizens of Peru:

We herewith submit our annual report for the year ending Feb. 14, 1908.

The Board met and organized with Henry Robinson as chairman, and elected B. W. Kilbreth as Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of the Board.

We hereby accept the report of the Superintendent and recommend it to you for consideration.

H. R. ROBINSON,
O. L. KNIGHT,
A. B. McINTIRE.

Board of Health Report.

The Board of Health of Peru submit their annual report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1908.

We have had in town, the past year, one case of scarlet fever, one case of measles, one case of mumps, sixteen cases of whooping cough, and one nuisance removed.

Approved { E. G. CHILD,
M. G. McINTIRE,
E. S. NEWTON.

BIRTHS.

1907

- March 19—To the wife of B. C. Kidder, a boy.
 May 29—To the wife of Chas. J. Howard, a girl.
 June 1—To the wife of Wm. W. Child, a girl.
 June 10—To the wife of Wilmer B. Kidder, a boy.
 June 14—To the wife of Emerson E. Oldham, a girl.
 July 1—To the wife of Stillman W. Wyman, a boy.
 July 22—To the wife of Arthur L. Gordon, a boy, stillborn.
 Aug. 15—To the wife of Elmer L. Knox, a boy.
 Sept. 27—To the wife of Adna W. Knight, a boy.
 Oct. 5—To the wife of Alton L. York, a girl.
 Oct. 16—To the wife of H. Berton Smith, a girl.
 Nov. 3—To the wife of Richard Gill, a boy.
 Nov. 20—To the wife of Peter G. Barrett, a girl.
 Feb. 11—To the wife of Earl E. Howard, a boy.

MARRIAGES.

1907

- Apr. 3—Mellen T. Deshon and Lena C. Kidder.
 Apr. 6—Alfred Gagnon and Ida Rand.
 May 9—Arthur L. Gordon and Flora M. Burgess.
 May 16—Earl E. Howard and Mabel L. Miller.
 July 2—Charles A. Newton and Edith M. Knox.
 Sept. 29—John Smith and Mary J. Wing.
 Oct. 15—Charles A. Lane and Sarah B. Colcord.
 Nov. 19—Harry L. Lovejoy and Lula J. Wing.
 Nov. 30—Elbridge G. Child and Jennie Irish.

1908

- Jan. 4—Leon F. Burgess and Grace M. Pratt.

DEATHS.

1907

		Age	Years	Months	Days
Apr.	20—Annie L Brown,			9	4
May	13—Stella N. Burgess,		26	4	15
Oct.	4—Lucy D. Davenport,		79	4	
Oct.	23—Cora E. Gammon,		39	11	11
Nov.	7—Julia H. Tracy,		49	5	6
Nov.	1—Mary J. Smith,		67	8	9
June	27—Ira B. Wing,		67	5	26
March	8—Lydia H. Worthley,		62	8	24

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Feb.	11—Ella Robinson,		43	10	1
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W. S. ARNOLD, *Clerk.*