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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF PERU

FOR THE

Year Ending Feb. 11,

1914



Town Officers

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

OSBORNE O. TRACY

BENJAMIN LOVEJOY

E. G. CHILD

Clerk

WILLARD S. ARNOLD

Treasurer

HENRY R. ROBINSON

Superintendent of Schools

BURT W. KILBRETH

Collector

WILMER B. KIDDER

Constables

ELFOREST G. BASSETT

CHARLES N. CHILD

CLARENCE H. ROBINSON

Superintending School Committee

CHARLES N. CHILD

JOHN S. RUSSELL

ALVAH M. CURTIS

Board of Health

E. G. CHILD

WILMER B. KIDDER

ELTON S. NEWTON

Truant Officers

E. G. BASSETT

C. A. WILSON

Road Commissioner

GEORGE L. ROWE

3465

Report of Selectmen

The Selectmen of the Town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 11, 1914:

VALUATION

Real estate resident	\$177,871.00
Real estate non-resident	51,863.00
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Total real estate	\$229,734.00
Personal estate resident	\$59,924.00
Personal estate non-resident	1,065.00
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Total personal estate	\$60,989.00
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Total valuation	\$290,723.00
Value of buildings	\$109,314.00
Value of land	\$120,420.00

LIVE STOCK

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Av.Val.</i>	<i>Total Val.</i>
Horses	224	\$78.50	\$17,585.00
Colts, 3 to 4 years	4	88.75	355.00
Colts, 2 to 3 years	6	63.33	380.00
Colts, under 2 years	20	42.50	850.00
Cows	452	32.69	14,776.00
Oxen	12	55.00	660.00
Three-year olds	126	29.45	3,711.00
Two-year olds	173	20.16	3,488.00
One-year old	187	10.38	1,941.00
Sheep	320	3.40	1,088.00
Swine	57	9.03	515.00
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Total amount			\$45,349.00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Dixfield Toll Bridge, 2 shares	\$ 80.00
Money at interest	200.00
Stock in trade	9,825.00
Logs and Lumber	600.00
Automobiles, 3	900.00
Carriages, 42	1,035.00
Musical Instruments, 30	3,000.00
Amount	<hr/> \$15,640.00

Total amount of live stock and
other personal property \$60,989.00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

State tax	\$1,484.33
County tax	409.04
For support of schools	1,300.00
For tuition for high schools	150.00
For Support of Poor	500.00
For Support of summer roads	1,500.00
For Support of winter roads	300.00
For State road	200.00
For Steel Bridge at Chapel Hill	500.00
For repairs on schoolhouses	125.00
For school books and supplies	225.00
For Town Officers' bills	500.00
For Memorial purposes	10.00
For Miscellaneous Town Charges	200.00
Overlay	179.33
Amount assessed	<hr/> \$7,582.70

We have also assessed three Supplementary

poll taxes at \$2.00 each \$6.00

And one parcel of non-resident real estate

valued at \$100.00 2.45

\$ 8.45

Including Supplementary Taxes, Total amt. Assessed \$7,591.15

Percentage of assessments, .0245.

Number of Polls taxed 230 and 3 Supplementary Polls, 233.

Number of Polls not taxed, 22.

Total number of Polls that claim residence in town, 255.

Poll tax, \$2.00.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT

We have leased the town farm and personal property thereon to A. B. McIntire from May 1, 1913 to May 1, 1914. He is to leave the property in as good condition as when received and to pay the town \$75.00 for use of same with this proviso, that he shall board and care for Horace A. Clark for \$5.00 per week, and board and care for Charles Burgess for \$3.00 per week, and any other paupers we may place on the farm for a reasonable compensation for the year ending May 1, 1914.

Schedule of personal property on the farm:—12 hens, 100 lbs. pork, 2-3 barrel flour.

POOR ACCOUNT

Appropriated	\$500.00	
Unexpended balance	34.31	
	<hr/>	\$534.31
Paid A. B. McIntire for board and care of Horace A. Clark	\$279.00	
Paid A. B. McIntire for board and care of Charles Burgess	153.00	
Paid A. B. McIntire for keeping tramps	3.00	
Paid Joseph Putnam for clothing furnished for Horace A. Clark and Chas. Burgess	5.15	
Paid Kidder Bros. for clothing furnished for Horace A. Clark and Chas. Burgess	15.65	
Paid Town of Patten for transportation and hospital treatment for Leon M. Grant	14.00	
Paid Town of Leeds for support of F. J. Wing	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$474.80
Unexpended balance		<hr/> \$59.51

STATE PAUPER ACCOUNT

Due from State for year ending Feb. 11, 1913	\$80.66	
Paid Mary E. Andrews for board and care of C. H. Wing and wife, State paupers	\$155.14	
Paid J. S. Sturtevant, M. D., for medical attendance of Mrs. C. H. Wing, State pauper	9.00	
Paid G. E. Goding for clothing for C. H. Wing and wife	12.17	
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Total amount		\$256.97
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Received from State on account of State Paupers		\$256.97

MEMORIAL PURPOSES

Appropriation	\$10.00	
Unexpended balance	2.40	\$12.40
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Expenditures		8.32
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Unexpended balance		\$4.08

STATE ROAD ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$200.00	
Due from State	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$400.00
Expenditures, one culvert [not used]		\$19.20
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Unexpended balance		\$380.80

We wish to state the reason for not building any state road was a request from the State Highway Commission to put over building any state aid road until the spring or summer of 1914, and that they would carry over 1913 appropriation to 1914 when it could be expended in connection with what appropriation we may make for building state aid road for the year 1914. Therefore, we put over building any state aid road,

ROADS AND BRIDGES

George L. Rowe, Road Commissioner

Appropriation for summer roads	\$1,500.00
Unexpended balance	159.40

Amount available \$1,659.40

Expended by G. L. Rowe, Road Commissioner

Orders drawn for labor, housing road machine and material
on highways and bridges

M. H. Babb, for housing road machine	\$2.00
John A. Putnam, Jr.	7.25
C. N. Child	2.00
Arthur Child	2.45
E. B. Fletcher	7.75
Elton S. Newton, drills and labor black- smithing for highway	4.90
Charles Davis	4.40
John A. Putnam, Jr.	58.50
Alton Burgess	20.65
Frank Barrett	57.00
Bert Gammon	19.80
Frank Burgess	17.70
Henry Downs	16.20
Thomas Cunningham	20.00
Fred Lovejoy	16.20
Frank Godish	4.90
George L. Rowe	34.75
James W. Miller	2.34
E. W. Knox	2.00
Geo. E. Goding	11.75
U. G. McIntire	21.10
L. H. Davenport	2.00
John A. Putnam, Jr., for dynamite, caps and fuse	25.00

Charles Davis	12.60
A. J. Farrar	9.00
Chas. A. Lane	28.00
Frank Barrett	58.65
O. L. Knight	1.44
Henry Downs	10.80
Alton Burgess	16.20
Alton Burgess, bridge stringers and labor	6.40
G. E. Goding, material	1.12
Alton York,	3.15
John A. Putnam, Jr.	83.25
Charles Hotham	19.80
Bruce Chase	19.80
C. B. Knox	31.50
Lorenzo Irish	18.00
Pearl Frost	9.00
L. Kilbreth, for culverts	56.00
Pearl Childs	18.00
George Parody	9.00
William Dennis	5.40
Joseph Leroux	5.40
Thomas Cunningham	18.00
Edward Chase	9.00
Fred Lovejoy	37.80
Frank Burgess	10.80
Bert Gammon	35.00
U. G. McIntire	20.80
Arthur Child	20.80
G. L. Rowe	45.80
J. C. Oldham	5.25
Charles Andrews	7.80
E. L. Knox	4.50
Geo. W. Hall	5.00
A. H. Hall	1.00
Benjamin Lovejoy	4.70
George Paradis	5.05
Fred Lovejoy	10.80

Bruce Chase	10.80
Charles Hotham	9.00
Perley Frost	9.00
Frank Irish	1.40
Lorenzo Irish	29.00
Kidder Brothers	2.75
Markham Brothers	9.98
Thomas Cunningham	25.10
Joseph Leroux	10.80
William Dennis	12.60
O. O. Tracy	10.00
Perley Childs	31.50
James Williams	2.60
A. J. Farrar	41.20
Bert Gammon	7.20
Arthur Child	8.00
John A. Putnam, Jr.	29.00
E. B. Knox	37.10
E. S. Newton	1.45
G. L. Rowe	28.89
E. G. Bassett	14.15
J. G. and R. J. Tyler, for stringers 1912	5.00
B. C. Kidder	1.80
E. S. Demeritte	5.40
G. L. Rowe	4.00
Linus Libby	1.25
John A. Putnam	32.00
G. W. Cotes	3.40
Arthur Child	.80
Sylvester Searls	1.80
D. W. Oldham	1.80
John A. Putnam, Jr.	2.00
W. S. Howard	5.00
A. J. Farrar	7.72
A. J. Farrar	16.06
New England Road Machinery Co.	10.70
Perley Childs	4.50

Perley Childs	7.45
L. Farrar	1.50
L. Farrar	3.00
E. E. Demeritt	1.80
G. L. Rowe	5.00
L. M. Knight	2.00
Daniel Lovejoy	3.15
Arnold Brothers	5.91
Charles J. Tracy	.30
Melvin Knox	1.50
Ernest Sturtevant, work done 1912	7.10
J. R. and J. C. Morrill	20.00
Will Knox	3.00
Bert Gammon	1.60
E. E. Demeritt	.40
U. G. McIntire	10.75
L. M. Knight	3.60
G. L. Rowe	4.00
John Putnam, Jr.	4.00
Charles Andrews	5.00
Arthur Childs	1.60
L. E. Irish	3.00
E. G. Child	1.32
Thomas Cunningham	2.00
Daniel Lovejoy	3.60
Edward Chase	2.00
Elmer Knox	6.80
Melvin Knox	2.00
Roy Knox	4.50
B. J. Roberts	4.52
W. J. Bryant	10.00
G. L. Rowe	4.00
Hermon Fuller	5.25
O. O. Tracy	2.00
Melvin Knox	2.80
Joseph Putnam	1.30
F. F. Burgess	3.60

O. T. Woodbury	1.50
A. G. Walker	6.00
E. S. Newton	1.50
John A. Putnam	4.80
G. L. Rowe	1.25
Alex McFee	6.00
Linus Libby	1.50
J. C. Wyman, for use of watering tub	3.00
E. S. Demeritt, for use of watering tub	5.00
A. S. Holman	2.95
W. H. Phinney, for use of watering tub	3.00
J. R. Morrill & Son, for labor and lumber	5.64
J. E. Connant, use of watering tub	3.00
James Irish, for use of watering tub	3.00
H. R. Robinson & Son, for use of watering tub	5.00
Charles J. Tracy, labor	.75
B. D. Packard, labor	5.75

Expenditures

\$1,670.99

Overdrawn

\$11.59

SNOW BILLS OR WINTER ROADS

Appropriation	\$300.00	
Unexpended balance	284.08	
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		\$584.08

L. K. Lovejoy	\$5.92
C. W. Knox	1.05
Charles Andrews	13.50
Vernon Farrar	1.88
Philip Pinkham	2.70
C. L. Mathews	7.00
E. M. Gammon	2.25
A. S. Holman	2.70

L. F. Oldham	1.42
J. G. and R. J. Tyler	9.84
W. H. Cox	11.92
William Johnson	14.95
Guy Johnson	2.20
Earl Howard	1.00
Walter Poland	1.00
J. C. Oldham	5.40
J. R. Morrill & Son	4.25
J. E. Dowe	4.90
E. W. Knox	10.75
Cleston Knox	2.65
E. P. Burgess	.90
Melvin Knox	6.25
Peter Sharland	4.20
E. B. Fletcher	4.20
J. E. Connant	3.35
Herbert Lunt	2.60
John Burgess	\$ 3.40
E. W. Sturtevant	6.00
W. S. Hotham	10.00
O. O. Tracy	2.00
Ernest Andrews	1.80
Sylvester Searls	1.20
B. D. Packard	1.25
B. C. Kidder	2.70
L. K. Lovejoy	10.00

Expenditures

\$167.11

Unexpended

\$416.97**NEW BRIDGE ACCOUNT**

Appropriation	\$500.00
Unexpended balance from last year	357.70

Amount available

\$857.70

Expenditures

Canton Bridge Co., for bridge	\$230.00
John A. Putnam, Jr., for hauling bridge	2.50
Frank Barrett, for hauling bridge	2.50
A. E. Bartlett, for building bridge abutments	255.00
Benjamin Lovejoy, for plank	24.00
John A. Putnam, Jr., for hauling plank	2.50
Daniel H. Sargent, labor on crossing for teams	3.75
Bert Gammon, for grading	2.00
G. B. Gordon, for labor grading	2.00
Bernard Putnam, for labor grading	2.00
Benjamin Lovejoy, for labor on crossing, spikes, lumber for railing, and labor grading	10.32
O. O. Tracy, labor on crossing and grading	10.00
Charles Andrews, labor with team	18.00
Arnold Bros., for drilling braces	.25
E. G. Child, for labor with team	8.90

Total expenditures	\$573.72
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Undrawn	\$283.98
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CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Appropriation	None	
Unexpended balance	\$210.97	
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		\$210.97
E. G. Child, for labor on Cemetery near Chapel Hill	\$1.50	
Daniel H. Sargent, for mowing Dickvale and Cates Cemeteries	3.00	
Frank Barrett, for hauling lumber for new Cemetery fence at East Peru	2.50	
Benjamin Lovejoy, for lumber for fencing new Cemetery	30.44	
Frank Lamb, for mill work on lumber for fencing	9.20	

Adna W. Knight, repairs on Waite, Knox, and River Road Cemeteries	8.00	
John A. Putnam, Jr., for hauling posts, gravel and cement for new Cemetery fence at East Peru	13.50	
Llewellyn Farrar, labor on new Cemetery fence	6.00	
O. O. Tracy, for labor and material for new Cemetery fence	54.64	
Benjamin Lovejoy, labor and material for new Cemetery fence	81.40	
Arnold Brothers, for cement, chains and irons for new Cemetery fence	23.98	
M. T. DeShon, for labor caring for cemeteries	8.00	
M. T. DeShon, for labor on new Cemetery fence	1.75	
Victor A. Eastman, labor on new Cemetery fence	5.75	
E. G. Child, labor taking care Chapel Hill Cemetery	1.00	
S. M. Knox, use of wagon hauling 3 bags cement to new Cemetery, East Peru	.50	
		<hr/> \$251.16
Overdrawn		<hr/> \$40.19

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$200.00
	Expenditures	
A. S. Holman, for collecting brown tail moth nests in Feb. 1913	\$3.57	
Mail Publishing Co., for printing town reports for the year ending Feb. 11, '13	27.00	
O. O. Tracy, for collecting brown tail moth nests in the months of Feb. and March, 1913	4.00	

Loring, Short and Harmon, for valuation books and stationery	13.15
A. B. McIntire, for collecting moth nests in Feb. and March, 1913	4.00
Peter Sharland, for labor on ferry boat and helping get boat into river	10.00
Charles Howard, for labor on ferry boat	12.55
R. A. Pinkham, for wall paper for town farm buildings	4.60
Howard Turner, for making tax deeds and sawing lumber for the town	1.81
O. O. Tracy, for lumber and nails for town farm buildings and repairs on Horace Clark's chair	3.66
Mrs. L. B. Hammond, for papering four rooms in town farm buildings	3.00
C. H. Robinson, for labor on ferry boat	1.30
Department of Agriculture, Augusta, Me., for trucking weights and measures from railroad station to State House and return to station	3.26
Charles R. Eastman, for damages to team caused by defective highway	8.00
Town Sealer's outfit	150.00
Freight on Town Sealer's outfit	2.82
Surveyor, preambulating town line between Peru and Milton Plantation	2.75
For brown tail moth notices	4.50
Kidder Bros., for supplies on account of Ferry	8.90
Kidder Bros., for grass seed and material for repairs on town farm buildings	9.91
E. B. Fletcher, for damage done to sheep by dogs	6.00
A. F. Carter, for damage to horse by defective highway	37.97

C. J. Howard, services and incidental expense running ferry	131.70	
Alex. McFee, for hauling out ferry boat	3.00	
J. S. Sturtevant, M. D., for birth and death certificates	5.75	
L. H. Davenport, for repairs on town farm buildings	1.30	
Loring, Short and Harmon, for book, blanks and stationery	10.20	
Adna W. Knight, for helping take out ferry boat	2.00	
Holt Brothers, for incidentals for common schools	4.40	
S. N. Knox, for use of team delivering and collecting school books, two trips	2.75	
B. W. Kilbreth, for Superintendent's in- cidental supplies for common schools	3.88	
B. W. Kilbreth, for Superintendent's use telephoning and postage	3.68	
S. N. Knox, for use of team delivering text-books, etc.	3.75	
Benjamin Lovejoy, for collecting moth nests	4.00	
O. O. Tracy, collecting moth nests	6.00	
B. W. Kilbreth, incidental supplies for Superintendent's use for schools	2.44	
E. G. Child, for collecting moth nests	9.25	
Victor A. Eastman, for collecting moth nests	3.35	
John Wicken, for collecting moth nests	1.75	
Henry R. Robinson, for Treasurer's in- cidentals	2.80	
O. O. Tracy, for incidentals for Selectmen's use	4.51	
Benjamin Lovejoy, for incidentals for Selectmen's use	3.00	
Expenditures	<hr/>	\$532.26
Overdrawn		<hr/> \$332.26

ABATEMENTS

Edward Bennett, poll, unable to collect	\$2.00
William E. Davis, poll, unable to collect	2.00
Joseph Record, illegal non-resident	2.00
P. L. Ripley, personal and poll illegal, paid in Sumner	11.80
George Stevens, poll, delinquent	2.00
Chester Soper, unable to collect poll	2.00
A. G. Walker, personal, illegal, should have been taxed to Markham Bros.	7.35
J. W. Williams, poll and personal, unable to collect	4.52
Grant and Lovejoy, personal, illegal, unable to collect	14.70
Nathan Flagg, unable to collect	2.00
William Arsnault, poll, unable to collect	2.00
Charles P. Trask, paid in Hartford	2.00

Total Abatements

\$54.37

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Appropriation	\$500.00
Unexpended balance	1.29

Amount available

\$501.29

Expenditures

Osborne O. Tracy, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	\$107.50
Benjamin Lovejoy, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	102.50
E. G. Child, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	39.50
Henry R. Robinson, Treasurer	45.00
Burt W. Kilbreth, Superintendent of Schools	150.00
Wilmer B. Kidder, Collector and Constable	97.98

John S. Russell, member of School Committee	9.40
C. N. Child, member of School Committee	8.50
Alvah M. Curtis, member of School Committee	5.25
E. G. Child, member of Board of Health, 1912-1913	3.00
Wilmer B. Kidder, member of Board of Health, 1912-1913	4.25
Elton S. Newton, member Board of Health, 1912-1913	4.75
E. G. Bassett, Truant Officer	5.00
Oliver C. Hopkins, Moderator	
C. A. Wilson, Truant Officer	
Henry R. Robinson, Ballot Clerk	1.00
Edmond P. Burgess, Ballot Clerk	1.00
Howard Turner, Ballot Clerk	1.00
Willard S. Arnold, Town Clerk	25.00

Expenditures

\$610.63

Overdrawn

\$109.34

Receipts

Amount raised for tuition for High School	\$150.00
Received from State on account of tuition	
High School	200.00
Amount raised for Support of Poor	500.00
Amount raised for Roads and Bridges	1,500.00
Amount raised for Winter Roads Snow Bills	300.00
Amount raised for State Aid Road	200.00
Amount raised for Steel Bridge	500.00
Amount raised for Repairs on Schoolhouses	125.00
Amount raised for School Books and Supplies	225.00
Amount raised for Town Officers' Bills	500.00
Amount raised for Miscellaneous Charges	200.00
Amount raised for Memorial Purposes	10.00

Overlay	179.33
Interest on Bank Certificates	41.53
Dog Licenses Refunded	71.53
Cash Received from A. B. McIntire for rent of Farm	50.00
Interest on Tax Deeds	32.13
Cash from Town of Dixfield, on acct. ferry	84.73
From State, Dec. 29, 1913, cash	219.00

Total Receipts

\$5,088.25

CURRENT EXPENSES

Tuition for High School	\$299.00
Expense of Town's Poor	474.80
Roads and Bridges	1,670.99
State Road	19.20
Steel Bridge	573.72
Repairs on Schoolhouses	95.73
School Books and Supplies	206.36
Cemeteries	251.16
Town Officers' Bills	610.63
Miscellaneous Charges	532.26
Memorial Purposes	8.32
Interest on Permanent School Fund	34.38
Abatement on Tax Bills, 1913	54.37
Snow Bills Expended for Breaking Winter Roads	167.11

\$4,998.03

SCHOOL RECEIPTS

Amount raised by Town	\$1,300.00
Equalization Fund from State	120.00
Common School Fund from State	584.49
School and Mill Fund from State	856.26
Interest on School Land Fund	34.38
Tuition from Town of Hartford	11.00
Unexpended balance from last year	125.34

\$3,031.47

Expenditures

Paid Bills approved by Superintending School Committee	\$2,955.50
Unexpended balance	\$75.97

TUITION FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Appropriation	\$150.00
Unexpended balance	45.22
Due from State	149.50
Amount available	\$344.72

Expenditures

Paid Bills approved by the Superintending School Committee	\$299.00
Unexpended balance	\$45.72

REPAIRS ON SCHOOLHOUSES

Equalization Fund from State	\$55.00
Appropriation	125.00
Amount available	\$180.00

Expenditures

Paid bills approved by Superintending School Committee	95.73
Unexpended balance	\$84.27

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriation	\$225.00
Unexpended balance	5.06
Amount available	\$230.06

Expenditures

Paid Bills approved by Superintending School Committee	\$206.36
Unexpended balance	\$23.70

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN

Resources

Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$4,563.67	
Due from A. B. McIntire for rent of Town Farm	25.00	
Due from Solon Virgin for Wire Fencing	3.00	
Due from three lots sold in new Cemetery at East Peru	30.00	
Town Farm and Personal Property	533.00	
Due from State on account State Aid Road	200.00	
Due from State on account of State Auto- mobile Fund	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,604.67

Liabilities

Outstanding Orders	\$859.00	
Due Common Schools	75.97	
	<hr/>	\$934.97
Resources more than Liabilities		<hr/> \$4,669.70

Respectfully submitted,

OSBORNE O. TRACY,
BENJAMIN LOVEJOY,
E. G. CHILD,

Selectmen of Peru.

Report of Treasurer

Henry R. Robinson, Town Treasurer

1913		Dr.
Feb.	11, To tax deeds on hand	\$ 133.83
"	11, To Cash on hand	3,924.60
"	12, To cash from Dixfield on account of Ferry	82.80
"	12, To cash on account of State Pensions	9.00
"	25, To cash from State on account State Pensions	9.00
March	10, From H. L. Wood, interest on tax deeds	4.97
"	13, From Alvin Robinson, interest on tax deeds	1.35
"	14, From W. B. Kidder, interest on tax deeds	25.81
April	15, From State, dog licenses re- funded	71.53
May	12, From State, check on account of Paupers	80.66
"	12, Interest on Bank Certificates	14.20
"	31, From Tax Bills of 1913	7,582.70
"	26, From W. S. Arnold, dog licenses	36.69
June	1, From W. S. Arnold, dog licenses	53.31
"	2, Interest on Bank Certificates	27.33
"	27, From A. B. McIntire, for rent of Town Farm	50.00
"	28, From State on account of High School	20.00

Aug.	1,	From State on account of Soldiers' Pensions	36.00
"	4,	From State on account of Paupers	90.31
Sept.	27,	From State on account of Paupers	86.00
"	27,	To Supplementary Taxes Assessed and Committed	8.45
Oct.	30,	From State Equalization Fund	120.00
Dec.	24,	From State on account of High School Tuition	180.00
"	29,	From State, cash	219.00
"	30,	From State Equalization Fund for Schoolhouse Repairs	55.00
"	31,	From State on account of damage to domestic animals by dogs	6.00

1914

Jan.	9,	From State, School and Mill Fund	\$856.26
"	9,	From State, Common School Fund	584.49
"	23,	From State, on account of Soldiers' Pensions	51.00
Feb..	3,	From Dixfield on account of Ferry	84.73
"	10,	From A. B. McIntire, rent of Town Farm	50.00
			<hr/> \$14,555.02

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April	15,	By State Pension paid Ester J. Gordon	\$ 9.00
"	15,	By Dog Licenses refunded	71.53
May	16,	By State Pension paid Maria Gammon	9.00
July	3,	By State Pension paid Ester J. Gordon	9.00

July	3, By State Pension paid Maria Gammon	9.00
Oct.	3, By State Pension paid Ester J. Gordon	9.00
"	3, By State Pension paid Maria Gammon	9.00
"	3, By Dog Licenses paid to State	90.00
"	27, By cash paid for County Tax	409.04

1914

Jan.	1, By State Pension paid Maria Gammon	9.00
"	1, By State Pension paid Ester J. Gordon	24.00
"	9, By cash paid to State for balance of State Tax for 1913	1,412.80
Feb.	10, By worthless Tax Deed	3.77
"	10, By Orders Turned Over	7,917.21
"	10, By Cash on hand	4,563.67
		<hr/> \$14,555.02.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Peru.

I have the honor to submit my report as Superintendent of Schools.

LIST OF TEACHERS

Dickvale. B. W. Kilbreth, spring, \$10.50 wk. Marguerite O'Connor, fall and winter, \$10.00 wk.

Highland. Gladys Cook, three terms, \$7.65 wk.

Union. Bertha Goggin, one term, \$10.00 wk. Lula Lovejoy, one term, \$9.00. Bertha White, one term, \$9.50 wk.

West Peru Prim. Laura Long, three terms, \$9.50 wk.

West Peru Gram. Marguerite O'Connor, spring, \$10.00 wk. Bertha Goggin, fall and winter, \$10.50 wk.

Peru Center. Ethel Robinson, spring, \$9.50 wk. Flora Sawyer, fall and three-fifths winter, \$9.50 wk. Mildred Walker, two-fifths winter, \$9.50 wk.

East Peru. Alice Irish, spring, \$9.00 wk. Mabel Richardson, fall and winter, \$7.75 wk.

Worthley Pond. Chester A. Soper, two-thirds spring term, \$10.00 wk. Alice Irish, two and one-third terms, fall and winter, \$10.00 wk.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Resources

Unexpended balance, March, 1913	\$125.34
Appropriation	1,300.00
Common School Fund	584.49
School and Mill Fund	856.26
Equalization Fund	120.00

Interest on School Land Fund	34.38	
Tuition, Town of Hartford	11.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,031.47

Expenditures

Teachers' wages	\$2,534.00	
Conveyance	216.50	
Janitors	47.50	
Fuel	157.50	
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Total		\$2,955.50
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Unexpended balance		\$75.97

CONVEYANCE

J. S. Russell, three terms, 34 weeks,	\$184.50	
Joseph Curneil, a part of fall and winter terms	32.00	
	<hr/>	\$216.50

JANITORS

Gladys Cook, three terms	\$6.00	
Bertha Goggin, two terms	4.00	
Marguerite O'Connor, two terms	4.00	
Laura Long, two terms	4.00	
Alice Irish, two terms	3.50	
Elwood Kidder, one and one-third terms	2.50	
B. W. Kilbreth, one term	1.50	
Ethel Robinson, one term	1.50	
Fred Luce, one term	2.00	
Sadie Knox, one term	2.00	
Maurice Jordan, one term, [2 rooms]	4.00	
Margaret Knox, one term	2.00	
Thomas Saunders, one term	2.00	
Bertha White, one term	2.50	
Mildred Walker, one term	2.50	
Mabel Richardson, one term	2.50	
Harold Child, two-thirds term	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$47.50

FUEL

C. A. Lane	\$32.50	
Thos. Cunningham	3.30	
Leslie Gordon	1.75	
E. M. Worthley Co.	16.50	
George A. Marsh	9.00	
John Russell	2.00	
Earland Frost	2.00	
A. L. Harlow	25.00	
B. W. Kilbreth	2.50	
Leslie Gordon	1.20	
John Burgess	15.00	
John Burgess	2.00	
John Putnam, Jr.	4.75	
Frank Lamb	2.25	
E. C. Poland	3.00	
Ralph Knight	.75	
J. S. Russell	1.00	
Alec McFee	18.00	
Fred Luce	1.00	
Glenroy Miller	1.50	
Elmer Knox	1.50	
Harry Cotes	1.00	
E. B. Knox	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$157.50

HIGH SCHOOL

Unexpended balance, March, 1913	\$ 45.22	
Appropriation	150.00	
Due from State	149.50	
	<hr/>	\$344.72

Expenditures, Tuition

<i>Town of Canton</i>	
Edwin Staples, two terms, \$5.	\$10.00
Frank Irish, two terms, \$5.	10.00
Arthur McFee, two terms, \$5.	10.00

Stella Walker, one term	5.00	
Leslie Irish, one term	5.00	
Maurice Oldham, one term	5.00	
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<i>Maine Wesleyan Seminary</i>		
Lorraine Hall, one term	\$10.00	
Esther Woodsum, one term	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$20.00

<i>Trustees of Hebron Academy</i>		
Carroll Robinson, two terms		\$20.00

<i>C. H. Abbott, Leavitt Institute</i>		
Stella Walker, two terms, \$7.		\$14.00

<i>Town of Dixfield</i>		
Mabel Richardson, one term	\$10.00	
William Jordan, three terms	30.00	
Carl Smith, three terms	30.00	
Elwin Child, two terms	20.00	
Helen Pinkham, two terms	20.00	
Hazel Curtis, two terms	20.00	
Verna McIntire, two terms	20.00	
Leighton Knight, two terms	20.00	
Leonard Hall, two terms	20.00	
Jennie Gordan, one term	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$200.00
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Unexpended balance		\$45.72

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Unexpended, March, 1913	\$ 5.06	
Appropriation	225.00	
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Expenditures

Sylvester Frost	\$ 2.27	
Silver Burdett Co.	1.80	
American Book Co.	46.61	
Ginn & Co.	20.16	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	7.20	
Ginn & Co.	7.68	
B. W. Kilbreth	2.34	
D. C. Heath Co.	51.67	
American Book Co.	9.99	
B. W. Kilbreth	7.77	
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		\$157.49

Expenditures for Supplies

Edward E. Babb & Co., for one set cube root blocks, 2 boxes pens, 100 pads, drawing and practice paper	\$9.98	
Holt Brothers, for 1 M. rank bills	3.65	
Jos. A. Putnam, for crayon, tablets, ink and drawing pencils	11.25	
Holt Brothers, for 50 Diplomas, 500 Book Labels, and 250 Blotterers	7.02	
Ernest Goding, for 4 brooms, wash basin, 6 cans chloride of lime, and 2 doz. ink	5.59	
J. A. Putnam, for 1 box pencils, and ex- amination paper	1.60	
Edward E. Babb & Co., for 4 doz. Spelling blanks, and 3 pkgs. practice paper	2.10	
Ernest Goding, for 2 brooms, 2 1-2 doz. ink and examination paper	2.60	
Kidder Bros., for crayon, 2 water dippers and pail and damper	2.30	
C. S. Luce, for ink, 2 brooms, examination paper and pens	2.78	
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		\$ 48.87
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Total expended		\$206.36
Balance unexpended		\$23.70

Repairs

Appropriation, March, 1913	\$125.00	
Equalization Fund from State, for heating and ventilation purposes	55.00	
	<hr/>	\$180.00

Expenditures

A. A. Burgess	\$7.35	
B. W. Kilbreth	2.10	
Victor Eastman	1.00	
Philip Pinkham	2.25	
Lottie Hammond	2.50	
Sadie Kidder	2.50	
May Goggin	11.00	
Grace Russell	2.50	
B. W. Kilbreth	2.60	
May Robinson	3.00	
Frank Lamb	1.75	
Harry Cotes	1.00	
B. W. Kilbreth	.76	
C. H. Towle	1.25	
E. S. Newton	40.60	
C. M. Small	2.00	
Benj. Lovejoy	3.00	
O. O. Tracy	1.00	
B. W. Kilbreth	1.00	
C. N. Childs	1.00	
C. S. Luce	2.32	
Maurice Jordan	1.25	
John Putnam	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$95.73
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Unexpended balance		\$84.27

INCIDENTALS FOR SUPERINTENDENT

Holt Bros., for printing and cutting down old letter heads furnished by Town of Peru, and 250 envelopes	\$4.40	
S. N. Knox, horse hire, delivering and col- lecting old school books	2.75	
B. W. Kilbreth, for cash paid out for post- age, and telephoning, spring	3.88	
S. N. Knox, horse hire, for 2 school-board meetings and one trip each to Union and Dickvale schools with books	3.75	
B. W. Kilbreth, for cash paid out for post- age and telephoning, fall	3.68	
B. W. Kilbreth, same for winter term	2.44	
	<hr/>	\$20.90

During the past year your schools have as a rule maintained an excellent average attendance.

We have been unusually fortunate the past year in securing an excellent corps of teachers, and with a few exceptions have met with good success. A majority of our teachers this year hold State Certificates; four of them for life, two of them are also normal graduates, and three others have taken a partial course. In nearly every instance the teachers have worked hard for the interest of the school, and have been successful.

Still better work could have been done, however, in one or two of our schools if we could have a little more active co-operation on the part of the parents. Don't expect your children to do at or in school the things which you would not allow them to do at home.

Be ready with assistance, and if you wish to criticize a teacher do so to the proper school authorities or to the teacher herself and not to your own children. Never accept the statement of a child as actual proof of what happens at school. As I have already mentioned, go to the teacher yourself. Some of our teachers report not a single visitor for a whole term. I would urge upon all parents who are interested in the welfare of their

children to visit our schools. If the teachers and parents can work together in harmony, your children will hardly ever be troublesome in school. The school problem of to-day is one of the most difficult propositions that we have to contend with. Neither parents nor school officials should underrate the value of the common school. It is the foundation of the future, educational, social and economical career of the pupil.

It should be our aim to raise it to a standard where the pupil who never goes farther than a common school may go out from it properly fitted for practical every-day life, and those who wish to go farther may have the training to enable them to do so. Our school year has been 34 weeks, the spring and fall terms of twelve weeks each, and the winter term ten weeks.

CONVEYANCE

The scholars have been conveyed to the Worthley Pond school throughout the year the same as last. Joseph Curneil's children also have been conveyed a part of the time to the West Peru School. As a great many parents have the idea that we are obliged to convey scholars that live a mile or so from a school-house and that if we convey we must do so the whole distance, for the benefit of such parents I will insert here the following taken from the School Laws of Maine:—"The Superintendent of schools in each town shall procure the conveyance of all common school pupils residing in his town, a part or whole of the distance, to and from the nearest suitable school, for the number of weeks for which schools are maintained in each year, when such pupils reside at such distance from the said school as in judgment of the Superintending School Committee shall render such conveyance necessary."

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

We have during the past year made but few changes in books. Our only exchange was made in Spellers. We have added to our list some new reading material in Winslow's Geographical Readers, New Franklin's Fourth and Fifth Readers and Physiologies. A great many worn-out books have had to be replaced.

I have for the past year in one or two of our schools put in a course of Bookkeeping in the 9th and advanced grades and it has been a great benefit to the children who are unable to go to High School. I would recommend to the School Committee that this study be inserted in the Advanced Grade Course.

REPAIRS

We have the past year made repairs that were absolutely necessary. We built some new steps at the Union Schoolhouse.

By the new State Laws we were obliged to purchase a fire-escape for the West Peru School building as it is two stories high.

We had to put a new stove into the Highland schoolroom. We had a special appropriation from the State of \$55 to be used for heating and ventilation. As the stove at the Primary School has collapsed, we have ordered a stove larger than the old one and shall use the new one instead of two as heretofore.

I should advise that the balance of that money be used either at Worthley Pond or East Peru as both schoolrooms are in bad shape. One side of the roof on the Dickvale School building will need shingling this spring.

CONCLUSION

I would recommend the following sums to be raised for the support of schools:

Common Schools	\$1,300.00
Text-books and Supplies	200.00
Repairs	100.00
High School Tuition	150.00

In closing, I wish to thank the teachers, School Committee, and citizens for their readiness to assist me in the work of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

BURT W. KILBRETH,
Superintendent of Schools.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK FROM JAN. 1, 1913 to Jan. 1, 1914

Jan. 2, to wife of Arthur H. Floyd, a son.
Jan. 12, to wife of Everett M. Pierce, a son.
April 13, to wife of Leroy O. Babb, a daughter.
April 20, to wife of Clyde C. Burgess, a daughter.
April 28, to wife of O. H. Pingree, a daughter.
May 12, to wife of Richard Gill, a son.
May 13, to wife of Herman L. Fuller, a son.
May 27, to wife of Bernard C. Putnam, a daughter.
May 31, to wife of David C. Chenery, a son.
June 5, to wife of Roscoe V. Robinson, a daughter.
April 12, to wife of Irving C. Kidder, a daughter.
July 27, to wife of Ray J. Tyler, a daughter.
Aug. 23, to wife of Edward L. Goding, a son.
Sept. 2, to wife of Wm. T. Wood, a son.
Sept. 3, to wife of Lynwood P. Knox, a son.
Sept. 11, to wife of Perley O. Frost, a daughter.
Sept. 25, to wife of Thomas Cunningham, a son.
Nov. 19, to wife of Ernest W. Sturtevant, a son.
Dec. 27, to wife of Alfonzo G. Walker, a son.

MARRIAGES RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK FROM JAN. 1, 1913 to Jan. 1, 1914.

Jan. 24, at Peru, by Howard Turner, Mr. Geo. A. Dow of Mexico, to Helen S. Oldham of Peru.

Feb. 25, at Peru, by Howard Turner, Carl S. Holman, to Mary E. McIntire, both of Peru.

March 22, at Hartford, by Rev. Albert W. Jefferson, Alphonzo G. Walker of Peru, to Clementine L. Crockett, of Portland.

April 12, at Peru, by Rev. E. E. Osborne, John V. Wiken, to Estelle R. Chase, both of Peru.

May 14, at Bethel, by Rev. James H. Little, Llewellyn W. Davis of Peru, to Joyce A. Whitney of Harrison.

June 15, at Rumford, by Rev. Harold L. Hanson, Sidney C. Goggin, to Lizzie N. Lord, both of Peru.

June 25, at Canton, by Rev. D. H. Jones, Fred H. Bassett of Peru, to Hazel V. Hutchinson, of Canton.

DEATHS RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK OF PERU FROM JAN. 1, 1913, TO JAN. 1, 1914.

Feb. 15, Alby W. Atkins, 51 years, 11 months, 25 days.

Feb. 25, Ralph E. Atkins, 24 years, 11 months, 1 day.

Mar. 14, Herbert B. Hammond, 55 years, 4 months, 7 days.

March 19, Hannah B. Bishop, 84 years, 9 months, 19 days.

April 21, Byron A. Bearce, 69 years, 3 months, 13 days.

July 30, Lena M. Burgess, 25 years, 7 months, 29 days.

August 6, Cordelia P. Mathews, 89 years.

Aug. 13, Kathleen Kidder, 5 months, 1 day.

Aug. 19, Jessie F. Knight, 57 years, 1 month, 29 days.

Sept. 14, John M. Ludden, 76 years, 4 months, 22 days.

Oct. 3, Mary H. Irish, 37 years, 4 months.

Oct. 17, Elnora Morrill, 66 years, 11 months, 10 days.

Nov. 1, Florence Robinson, 4 months, 29 days.

Nov. 2, Celia B. Lunt, 89 years, 3 months, 24 days.

Nov. 11, Mary A. Babb, 82 years, 11 months.

Jan. 31, at Mechanic Falls, Edwin B. Child, 92 years, 3 months, 6 days.

April 10, at Falmouth, Lewis M. Dunn, 48 years, 1 month, 10 days.

April 18, at Auburn, Leta E. Griffeth, 1 year, 1 month, 16 days.

April 24, at Livermore, Ruben L. Andrews, 71 years.

W. S. ARNOLD, *Town Clerk.*