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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF PERU

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

1914-1915

MAR 3 1915

Town Officers

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

BENJAMIN LOVEJOY

E. G. CHILD

WILMER B. KIDDER

Clerk

HOWARD TURNER

Treasurer

HENRY R. ROBINSON

Superintendent of Schools

BERTHA L. GOGGIN

Collector

HIRAM E. STILLMAN

Constables

CHARLES W. CHILD

IRVING C. KIDDER

WALLACE C. STEVENS

Superintending School Committee

CHARLES N. CHILD

ALVAH M. CURTIS

BENJAMIN LOVEJOY

Board of Health

E. G. CHILD

WILMER B. KIDDER

ELTON S. NEWTON

Truant Officers

IRVING C. KIDDER

CHARLES A. WILSON

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ELTON S. NEWTON

Road Commissioner

THOMAS CUNNINGHAM

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

GEORGE L. ROWE

JOHN C. WYMAN

WILMER B. KIDDER

WILLIAM J. BRYANT

Sextons

ADNA W. KNIGHT

GEORGE L. ROWE

MELLEN T. DESHON

Auditor of Accounts

BURT W. KILBRETH

Report of Selectmen

The Selectmen of the Town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending February 15, 1915:

VALUATION

Real estate resident	\$182,949.00
Real estate non-resident	69,149.00
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Total real estate	\$252,098.00
Personal estate resident	\$65,947.00
Personal estate non-resident	4,592.00
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Total personal estate	\$70,539.00
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Total valuation	\$322,637.00
Value of buildings	\$114,684.00
Value of land	137,414.00

LIVE STOCK

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Av. Val.</i>	<i>Total Val.</i>
Horses	204	101.12	\$20,630.00
Colts, 3 to 4 years	12	100.00	1,200.00
Colts, 2 to 3 years	11	77.27	850.00
Colts, under 2 years	15	64.33	965.00
Cows	442	31.71	14,018.00
Oxen	10	70.00	700.00
Three-year olds	140	30.06	4,208.00
Two-year olds	136	20.63	2,806.00
One-year old	168	11.38	1,912.00
Sheep	184	3.62	666.00
Swine	64	9.42	603.00
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Total amount Live Stock			\$48,558.00
All other kinds of personal estate resident and non-resident			21,981.00
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Total amount of Personal estate			\$70,539.00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Live Stock forwarded		\$48,558.00
Stock in trade	8,000.00	
Logs and lumber	7,296.00	
Carriages, 52, valued at	1,185.00	
Automobiles, 4, valued at	1,200.00	
Musical Instruments, 28, valued at	2,800.00	
Machinery not taxed as real estate	800.00	
Other property, Hall Brothers Mill and Machinery	700.00	

Total amount of personal estate		<u>21,981.00</u>
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Total amount of Live Stock and Personal Estate		<u>\$70,539.00</u>
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APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

State tax	\$1,346.13	
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	2,000.00	
For Support of winter roads snow bills	300.00	
For State road	533.00	
For Repairs on State road, built prior to 1914	60.00	
For Repairs on schoolhouses	100.00	
For Text-books and supplies for common schools	200.00	
For Town Officers' bills	600.00	
For Collecting and destroying moth nests	100.00	
For Cutting and destroying worthless apple trees and bushes along the road side	200.00	
For Miscellaneous town charges	500.00	
For Care of Cemeteries	125.00	
Overlay	247.83	
Amount assessed		<u>\$8,671.00</u>

We have also assessed and committed the following Supplementary Taxes:

Resident Chandler B. Knox his Poll,
Personal and Real Estate \$7.40; Per-
sonal 38c, Poll \$2.00

\$9.78

Lovina Irish, non-resident real estate

5.10

\$14.88

Amount of assessment forwarded

\$8,671.00

Total assessment

\$8,685.88

Percentage of assessments, .0255.

Number of Polls taxed 224 and one supplementary poll
total 225.

Number of Polls not taxed 26.

Amount assessed on each Poll, \$2.00.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT

We have leased the town farm and personal property thereon to A. B. McIntire from May 1, 1914 to May 1, 1915. He is to leave the property in as good condition as when received and 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 Charles Burgess at \$3.00 per week as long as the said Charles Burgess remains in his present condition; and also any other paupers we may place on the farm for a reasonable compensation for the year ending May 1, 1915.

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

POOR ACCOUNT

Appropriated

\$500.00

Unexpended balance

59.51

Amount available

\$559.51

Paid A. B. McIntire, for board and care
of Horace A. Clark

\$260.00

Paid A. B. McIntire for board and care of Charles Burgess	52.29	
Paid A. B. McIntire, for keeping tramps	4.50	
Paid Benjamin Lovejoy, for rubber blanket for Charles Burgess	2.31	
Paid C. A. Lane, for clothing for Horace Clark and Charles Burgess	2.35	
Paid Kidder Brothers for clothing fur- nished Horace A. Clark and Charles Burgess	6.25	
Paid E. G. Child, for overshoes and re- pairs on Horace Clark's wheel chair	3.15	
Paid Mrs. Elmer Knox, for board and care of Charles Burgess	163.86	
Paid Dr. J. S. Sturtevant, for medical at- tendance and medicine for Charles Burgess	6.00	
Paid Dr. Wm. M. Pease for medical attendance on Charles Burgess	2.50	
Paid Dr. Wm. M. Pease, for medical attendance on Jennie Payne	33.00	
Paid Mrs. O. T. Woodbury, for nursing Jennie Payne at the home of Mrs. Clara M. Vaughan, 12 days at \$1. per day	12.00	
Paid Mrs. O. T. Woodbury, for board and care and moving of Jennie Payne, 18 days	15.00	
Paid Kidder Brothers, for supplies on account of Jennie Rayne	4.43	
Paid the Town of Leeds, for supplies fur- nished F. J. Wing and family, and medi- cal attendance	18.25	
Paid the Town of Leeds, for medi- cal attendance on Winnie Wing	11.25	
Paid Kidder Brothers, for clothing fur- nished F. J. Wing and family	12.45	
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Total Expenditures		\$609.59
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Overdrawn		\$50.08

\$64.43 of the Poor Account on account of Jennie Payne is chargeable to the Town of Mexico.

STATE PAUPER ACCOUNT

Paid C. A. Lane, clothing for Win Dixon	\$8.00	
Paid Benjamin Lovejoy, for board and car fare for Win Dixon to Farmington, N. H.	15.79	
	<hr/>	\$23.79
Received from State on account of Win Dixon		<hr/> \$23.79

MEMORIAL PURPOSES

No Appropriation		
Unexpended balance from last year		\$4.08
Paid Hiram E. Stillman, flags for memorial purposes	\$8.36	
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Overdrawn		\$4.28

MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROAD BUILT PRIOR 1914

Amount appropriated by the State	\$75.00	
Amount appropriated by the Town	60.00	
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Joint Fund		\$135.00
Expenditures		\$123.17
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Unexpended balance due for said road repairs		\$11.83

STATE ROAD ACCOUNT

Joint appropriation by Town and State for 1913	\$400.00	
Joint Appropriation for Town and State for 1914	1,066.00	
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Total amount available for 1914		\$1,466.00
Expenditures		1,483.66
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Overdrawn		\$17.66
State's part of Appropriation	\$733.00	
Received from State	627.89	
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Amount due from State		\$105.11

NEW BRIDGE ACCOUNT

Voted to use money from Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$500.00	
Unexpended balance from last year's bridge account	283.98	
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Amount available		\$783.98
Paid Benjamin Lovejoy, freight on bridge stringers	\$22.93	
Paid Arnold Brothers for plank	18.76	
Paid Benjamin Lovejoy, for freight on bridge railings	2.40	
Paid E. C. Staples, for unloading and hauling bridge irons	6.50	
Paid Dyar Supply Co., for bridge irons and railings	274.67	
Paid A. E. Bartlett, for labor and ma-		

terial erecting bridge	180.00	
Paid Benjamin Lovejoy, for labor and material erecting bridge	23.27	
Paid E. S. Newton, for blacksmithing on account of bridge railings	.75	
Paid Roy Knox, for labor with team grading approaches to bridge	24.75	
Paid Perley Child, for labor with team grading approaches to bridge	6.75	
Paid L. H. Davenport, for labor grading approaches to bridge	2.70	
Paid Melvin Lovejoy, for labor grading approaches to bridge	4.50	
Paid Earland Frost, for labor grading approaches to bridge	1.80	
Paid Roy Whitney, for labor grading approaches to bridge	.90	
Paid O. O. Tracy, for labor erecting temporary crossing near bridge	.60	
Paid J. G. and R. J. Tyler, for plank	16.42	
Paid C. L. Dillingham, for paint	3.77	
Paid Stanley Bisbee, for paint	3.50	
Paid E. C. Staples, for cedar post used railing approaches to bridge	1.05	
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Total Expenditures		\$596.02
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Unexpended balance		\$187.96

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Appropriated		\$125.00
Paid C. S. Luce, for labor and material painting East Peru cemetery fence	\$27.26	
Paid Roy Knox, for hauling and setting hitching posts	2.00	

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Paid Benjamin Lovejoy, for hitching posts	2.00	
Paid O. C. Hopkins, for making of lots in East Peru Cemetery	5.00	
Paid Clarence H. Robinson, for running out lots in East Peru cemetery	1.75	
Paid A. W. Knight, for taking care of River Road, Knox and Waite cemeteries	7.50	
Paid M. T. Deshon, for taking care of East Peru and Worthley Pond cemeteries	11.00	
Paid E. G. Child, for taking care of Franklin Annex cemetery	1.50	
Paid E. C. Chase, for mowing grass in Dickvale and Cates cemeteries	3.00	
Paid Howard Turner, for making deeds of cemetery lots	2.00	
Received for cemetery lot sold Mrs. Lucy Bryant		\$10.00
Received for cemetery lot sold Hiram Stillman		10.00
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Expenditures	\$63.01	\$145.00
Unexpended balance		\$81.99

ACCOUNT FOR COLLECTING AND DESTROYING MOTHS

Appropriated	\$100.00	
Paid S. E. Falkins, for destroying moth nests	\$130.00	
Paid Merle R. Hopkins, for destroying moth nests	1.75	
Paid E. C. Cox, for destroying moth nests	4.00	
Paid Harold Child, for destroying moth nests	.75	
Paid E. G. Child, for destroying moth nests	1.00	
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Total Expenditures		\$137.50
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Overdrawn		\$37.50

**ACCOUNT FOR CUTTING AND DESTROYING DEAD
AND WORTHLESS APPLE TREES AND
BUSHES ON HIGHWAY**

Appropriated		\$200.00
Paid Alton Burgess	\$8.10	
Paid U. G. McIntire	8.10	
Paid H. E. Stillman, for James Evans	15.00	
Paid R. S. Tracy	5.65	
Paid E. G. Child	15.70	
Paid Benjamin Lovejoy	1.00	
Paid Charles Andrews	1.40	
Paid E. G. Child	1.40	
Paid B. S. Austin	2.00	
Paid Marshall Babb	2.00	
Paid I. Dragoon	1.00	
Total Expenditures		\$61.35
Unexpended balance		\$138.65

SUMMER ROADS

Roads and Bridges

Thomas Cunningham, Road Commissioner

Appropriated for Summer Roads		\$2,000.00
Orders drawn for Labor Housing Road Machine, and Material on Highways and Bridges.		
Sarah Atkins, housing road machine	\$2.00	
A. M. Curtis, labor done on the high- way in years 1912-1913-1914	5.25	
Merle Hopkins, labor on highway	.70	
Thomas Cunningham, labor on highway	46.13	
Melvin Lovejoy, labor on highway	19.80	
George Ames, labor on highway	18.90	
Charles Luce, labor on highway	18.00	
Ezra Holt, labor on highway	10.80	

Harry Lovejoy, labor on highway	14.40
Will Lovejoy, labor on highway	14.40
H. L. Wood, labor on highway	12.00
Eddie Goding, labor on highway	23.24
Archie Dunton, labor on highway	23.40
Weston Dunton, labor on highway	28.80
Roy Whitney, labor on highway	28.80
Lester Irish, labor on highway	6.75
George H. Libby, labor on highway	3.45
Will Gillispie, labor on highway	25.20
Marshall Babb, labor on highway	15.30
E. B. Knox, labor on highway	52.30
E. Irish, labor on highway	81.00
L. E. Irish, labor on highway	49.50
Chas. Andrews, labor on highway	4.34
Cyphus Irish, labor on highway	1.80
L. F. Oldham, labor on highway	1.00
Emerson Oldham, labor on highway	.80
James Irish, labor on highway	13.00
J. C. Oldham, labor on highway	9.80
W. C. Stevens, labor on highway	18.73
Milo G. Morrill, labor done under Geo. Rowe in 1913	1.00
Hascall Implement & Seed Co., for one road plough	11.00
Elton Newton, for 3 picks and repairs on plough	2.65
Grafton Gordon, for labor on highway	11.60
Bert Kidder, labor on highway	4.50
G. H. Conant, for plank	32.00
George Ames, for labor on highway	18.20
A. C. Hammond, labor on highway	2.90
Charles Luce, labor on highway	103.50
Eddie Goding, labor on highway	39.90
Thomas Cunningham, labor on highway	51.75
Harry Lovejoy, labor on highway	39.60
Will Lovejoy, labor on highway	36.90

Melvin Lovejoy, labor on highway	36.00
Roy Whitney, labor on highway	38.70
Weston Dunton, labor on highway	40.50
Archie Dunton, labor on highway	38.70
Ezra Holt, labor on highway	41.40
Linus Libby, labor on highway	27.00
U. G. McIntire, labor on highway	18.90
O. O. Tracy, labor on highway	13.50
Wayman Hotham, labor on highway	25.88
Robert Gillispie, labor on highway	4.50
George Ford, labor on highway	3.60
Peter Sharland, labor on highway	5.40
Benjamin Lovejoy, labor on highway	2.20
H. R. Robinson, labor on highway	3.90
Melvin Knox, labor on highway	3.50
George Ford, labor on highway	30.60
Eddie Goding, labor on highway	21.60
Emery Cox, labor on highway	3.60
Perley Child, labor on highway	63.00
Roy Whitney, labor on highway	21.60
Peter Sharland, labor on highway	1.80
C. H. Cotton, labor on highway	9.00
Wright Brown, labor on highway	1.80
Melvin Lovejoy, labor on highway	25.20
Bert Kidder, labor on highway	10.57
W. H. Cox, labor on highway	18.00
Charles Luce, labor on highway	78.75
B. D. Packard, labor on highway	13.50
Thomas Cunningham, labor on highway	40.50
Henry Chase, labor on highway	7.85
Chas. Tracy, labor on highway	4.75
Fred Cunningham, labor on highway	7.20
Earl Frost, labor on highway	14.40
John Frost, labor and material	37.20
Fred Cunningham, labor on highway	5.40
Silas Hotham, labor on highway	5.40
Charles Mathews, labor on highway	13.50

Thomas Cunningham, labor on highway	18.00
Charles Luce, labor on highway	49.50
Eddie Goding, labor on highway	10.80
Harry Lovejoy, labor on highway	14.40
Will Lovejoy, labor on highway	7.20
Melvin Lovejoy, labor on highway	19.80
Roy Whitney, labor on highway	18.00
Archie Dunton, labor on highway	5.40
Ezra Holt, labor on highway	3.60
O. O. Tracy, labor on highway	7.20
Bert Kidder, labor on highway	13.50
Wayman Hotham, labor on highway	18.00
Silas Hotham, labor on highway	7.20
Fred Cunningham, labor on highway	3.60
U. G. McIntire, labor on highway	6.75
William Cox, labor on highway	27.90
C. H. Cotton, labor on highway	12.60
F. Knight, labor on highway	12.60
Vernon Farrar, labor on highway	40.00
Wright Brown, labor on highway	5.40
Perley Child, labor on highway	18.00
Elwood Kidder, labor on highway	2.50
Emery Cox, labor on highway	3.60
Harry Lovejoy, for labor on highway	16.20
Sumner Knox, labor on highway	54.00
F. Knight labor on highway	9.00
Benjamin Lovejoy, labor and material on highway	4.51
A. E. Bartlett, labor repairing bridge abutments near R. S. Tracy's residence	10.00
Benjamin Lovejoy, for six bags cement used repairing abutments to bridge	3.90
Benjamin Lovejoy, labor and material railing roadsides near Sylvester Frost's house	2.48
Kidder Brothers, dynamite caps and fuse	25.38

Thomas Cunningham, for incidentals, labor and cash paid out on account of highway	24.52
Chas. Luce, labor on highway	9.00
Eddie Goding, labor on highway	3.60
Roy Whitney, labor on highway	2.70
George Ford, labor on highway	3.60
John Frost, labor on highway	9.00
Earl Frost, labor on highway	6.30
Perley Child, labor on highway	9.00
Harry Lovejoy, labor on highway	3.60
Sumner Knox, labor on highway	15.00
Melvin Knox, labor on highway	9.00
C. E. Knox, labor on highway	2.80
Flaville Knight, labor on highway	3.60
Fred Cunningham, labor on highway	1.80
George Cotes, labor on highway	7.70
J. E. Conant, for plank for highway	2.00
W. H. Cox, labor on highway	4.50
Carl Holman, labor on highway	1.80
George H. Libby, repairs and drills for highway	1.25
Burt Kidder, for labor on highway	13.50
John Putman, labor on highway	3.00
Peter Sharland, labor on highway	4.50
Earl Howard, for plank for highway	5.95
Melvin Lovejoy, labor on highway	7.20
Wayman Hotham, labor on highway	2.25
Merrett H. Oldham, for plank for highway	57.44
J. G. & R. J. Tyler, for plank for highway	11.44
George L. Rowe, labor on highway	2.00
E. G. Child, labor on highway during summer of 1914	7.00
E. S. Demeritt, for watering tub for year 1914	4.00
J. C. Wyman, for watering tub for year 1914	5.00

William H. Phinney, for watering tub for year 1914	3.00
George H. Conant, for watering tub for year 1914	3.00
H. R. Robinson & Son, for watering tub for year 1914	5.00
James E. Irish, for use of watering tub year 1914	3.00
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Total Expenditures	\$2,353.22
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Overdrawn	\$353.22

SNOW BILLS MAKING WINTER ROADS

Appropriated	\$300.00
Unexpended balance from last year	416.97
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Amount available	\$716.97

Charles Hotham	\$ 9.60
W. S. Hotham	15.90
George Libby	3.60
J. R. Morrill & Son	3.75
Chas. Andrews	9.00
Gerald Tracy	2.00
E. E. Cox	1.20
E. G. Child	2.70
W. C. Stevens	4.43
H. E. Bowker	2.30
Fred Cunningham	2.00
Walter Knox	7.35
Walter Poland	2.20
Guy Johnson	3.00
Earl Howard	1.20
William Cox	8.00
A. G. Walker	.20

William Johnson	14.00
James Miller	6.50
C. C. Young	7.25
C. S. Luce	3.50
W. J. Bryant	2.00
Philip Pinkham	3.20
Leonard Davenport	2.00
W. B. Gillispie	1.00
Sylvester Searls	4.70
Robert Gillispie	1.40
D. W. Oldham	8.70
N. G. McIntire	.60
Harold McIntire	1.00
J. E. Conant	8.20
Walter Knox for breaking winter roads, 1913	6.70
Herbert Lunt	7.60
Harry Lovejoy	4.00
Alton Burgess	2.50
J. C. Oldham	5.25
E. B. Fletcher	6.80
Bert Gammon	2.20
E. L. Knox	3.15
W. L. Hanson	2.00
George W. Cotes	9.80
Fred Cunningham	7.40
Alton York	3.60
Elmer Knox	8.40
Sylvester Searls	2.70
John Burgess	4.15
C. F. Porter	2.40
Thomas Cunningham	14.49
Cleston Knox	2.60
A. B. McIntire	1.30
Benjamin Lovejoy	1.20
E. M. Gammon	4.05
A. J. Farrar	7.88
N. B. Lufkin	5.70

A. W. Knight	8.38	
Peter C. Sharland	9.00	
Ernest Andrews	2.17	
Alton York	3.60	
E. C. Farrar	2.55	
C. L. Mathews	6.75	
William Johnson	6.65	
Eugene Knight	1.80	
William Cox	3.25	
Richard Gill	5.80	
J. E. Dow	3.20	
A. C. Hammond	2.25	
Melvin Knox	6.50	
E. C. Chase, shoveling snow in Feb. and Mar. 1914	6.00	
J. G. and R. J. Tyler for breaking roads win- ter of 1913-1914	15.50	
James W. Miller	8.32	
Robert Gillispie	1.80	
Peter Sharland	6.80	
E. B. Knox	6.50	
A. W. Knight	2.70	
Thomas Cunningham	18.00	
Oscar Putman	5.65	
Linus Libby	7.95	
G. B. Gordon	2.00	
Carl M. White	9.40	
J. R. Morrill & Son	9.15	
E. G. Child	1.22	
J. C. Oldham	6.65	
Herbert Lunt	2.00	
Cephus Irish	1.70	
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Total expenditures		\$431.74
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Unexpended balance		\$285.23

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES

Appropriation	\$500.00
Paid Mail Publishing Co., for printing Town reports for the year Feb. 11, 1914	30.22
Loring, Short & Harmon for books, blanks and stationery	18.40
Benjamin Lovejoy, postage, telephone tolls, and cash paid out for legal advice and Selectmen's incidentals	3.45
L. E. Irish for 4 1-2 days labor repairing ferry-boat [Ferry act.]	10.83
Stevens Austin for 4 days repairing ferry-boat [Ferry act.]	10.00
E. S. Newton for blacksmithing done for ferry-boat	1.75
Arnold Brothers, for bolts and blacksmithing for ferry-boat [Ferry act.]	1.00
Benjamin Lovejoy, for labor and lumber on ferry-boat [Ferry act.]	12.62
J. C. Howard, labor repairing ferry-boat [Ferry act.]	9.55
Kidder Brothers, for lumber, nails, spikes, bolts and other material and labor with team on ferry-boat [Ferry Act.]	39.36
Holt Bros., for incidentals for Superintendent of Schools' use	6.65
Benjamin Lovejoy for cash paid Bisbee & Parker for legal advice about taxing toll bridge and Arsanult and Jaques lumber	2.00
Benjamin Lovejoy, for postage, telephone tolls and cash paid for Selectmen's incidentals	4.36
William W. Waite, for labor and material for building small boat and oars for same [Ferry act.]	17.68

Bertha L. Goggin, for incidental supplies for Superintendent of Schools	4.57
V. A. Linnell, for boards for sides of small boat [Ferry act.]	3.60
Bertha L. Goggin, for incidental supplies for Superintendent of Schools' use	2.10
Winfield S. Farrar, for damages caused by defective highway	50.00
Wicken & Putman for two bush scythes and snaths for use on highway	3.20
Kidder Brothers, for grass seed, lumber and spikes for Town Farm	16.50
The Fairbanks Co. for town sealers' supplies for the year 1914	7.40
E. S. Newton, for incidental supplies for Board of Health's use	2.50
Will Bryant, road machine pole	1.50
Victor Eastman, for repairs on road plow	1.00
Bertha L. Goggin, for incidental supplies for Superintendent of Schools' use	3.28
Loring, Short & Harmon, for one Town order book	5.00
L. K. Lovejoy, for damage to sheep by dogs	40.00
Kidder Brothers, for shingles and nails for repairing Town Farm buildings	.83
Kidder Brothers, for labor and material used in taking ferry-boat off river [Ferry act.]	2.67
Charles G. Howard, for labor and material furnished operating ferry-boat at Peru Center for the year ending December 16, 1914. [Ferry act.]	118.79
L. E. Irish, for labor with team taking ferry-boat out of the river, Dec. 16, 1914 [Ferry act.]	3.50
Newell White, moth notices for 1915	1.00

Benjamin Lovejoy, telephone tolls, postage on correspondence and postage on moth notices, and car fare and hotel bills for trip to Leeds looking after Paupers	6.11
O. E. Hopkins, incidental expenses, car fare, and team hire to Leeds	4.70
Interest on school land fund	34.38
Loring, Short & Harmon, for record book of orders drawn on Treasurer	4.20
Dr. J. L. Sturtevant, for Vital Statistics, returned examination of W. S. Farrar for injuries received by defective highway	8.50
Bertha L. Goggin, for incidentals for Superintendents' use	2.15
Henry R. Robinson, incidentals for Town Treasurer's use for year ending Feb. 10, 1915	3.25
Howard Turner, for incidentals for Town Clerk's use	1.00
Benjamin Lovejoy, for cash paid out for Selectmen's incidentals	6.00
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Expenditures	\$505.62
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Overdrawn	\$5.62

ABATEMENTS

We have made the following Abatement of Taxes for the Year 1914

Anson Jack, poll \$2.00, non-resident, unable to collect, illegal.
Bryer, Samuel, personal and poll \$2.64, non-resident, unable to collect, illegal.

Delano, Deforest, poll \$2.00, non-resident, unable to collect, paid in Portland.

Barrett, Frank, personal and poll, \$9.65, non-resident, paid in Weld.

Bishop, Harry, poll \$2.00, non-resident, is in New Hampshire.
 Bishop, Stillman, poll \$2.00, non-resident, unable to collect.
 Putman, Ida, resident, real estate, \$6.38, unable to pay.
 Staples, Sewell, real estate and personal, \$11.58, unable to pay.
 Hastings Bros., over-valuation of lot 9 in Fox's Grant, the Gammon Farm so-called, \$20.40

Total Abatements \$58.65

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS FOR YEAR 1914

Bennett, H. C., poll	\$2.00	
Lamb, Frank A., poll and personal	2.89	
Pierce, Everett M., poll	2.00	
Wallace, William, poll	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$8.89

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Appropriated		\$600.00
Benjamin Lovejoy, first Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	\$149.10	
E. G. Child, first Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	71.00	
O. C. Hopkins, third Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	47.75	
Wilmer B. Kidder, third Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	8.50	
Howard Turner, town clerk	30.00	
Henry R. Robinson, town treasurer	50.00	
Bertha L. Goggin, superintendent of schools	150.00	
Hiram E. Stillman, collector of taxes	129.41	

Charles N. Child, superintending school committee	8.00
Alvah M. Curtis, superintending school committee	6.00
Benjamin Lovejoy, superintending school committee	7.00
Wilmer B. Kidder, member Board of Health	2.00
Elton S. Newton, member of board of Health	5.50
E. G. Child, member Board of Health	
Irving C. Kidder, truant officer	
Alex McFee, ballot clerk	3.00
Elton S. Newton, sealer of weights and measures	2.00
O. C. Hopkins, moderator, 2 years 1913 and 1914	4.00
Burt W. Kilbreth, Auditor of Accounts	
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Expenditures	\$673.26
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Overdrawn	\$73.26

THE HOLLIS TURNER CEMETERY FUND, AMOUNT OF FUND \$732.92

Deposited in the Portland Savings Bank, June, 1914, by Hollis Turner. The interest of which is to be used yearly by the Town for the maintenance of the old Knight and Waite cemeteries. Interest due in November. No interest due on fund in time for use for the year 1914.

FERRY ACCOUNT

L. E. Irish, 4 1-2 days' labor repairing boat	\$10.83
Stevens Austin, 4 days' labor repairing boat	10.00

E. S. Newton, blacksmithing for boat	1.75
Arnold Brothers, for bolts and blacksmithing for boat	1.00
Benjamin Lovejoy, for lumber and labor on boat	12.62
C. J. Howard, labor repairing boat	9.55
Kidder Bros., lumber, nails, spikes, bolts and material and labor with team on boat	39.36
William W. Waite, labor and material building small boat for use at Ferry	17.68
V. A. Linnell, for lumber used in building small boat	3.60
Kidder Brothers, for labor and material used in taking boat out of the river	2.67
Charles G. Howard, labor and material furnished, operating ferry boat for season ending Dec. 16, 1915	118.79
L. E. Irish, labor with team taking boat out of the River	3.50

Total Expenses of Ferry \$231.35

Paid for in Miscellaneous Town Charges \$115.68, one-half cost of Ferry, due from the Town of Dixfield.

COMMON SCHOOL RECEIPTS

Amount appropriated by the Town	\$1,300.00
Interest on land fund paid by the Town	34.38
Equalization Fund from State	175.00
Common School Fund from the State	578.28
School and Mill Fund from the State	830.44
Tuition from the Town of Hartford	11.00
Unexpended balance from last year	75.97

Total amount available \$3,005.07

Expenditures, paid bills approved by
Superintending School Committee \$2,589.35

Unexpended balance \$415.72

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Appropriated for Free High School tuition	\$150.00	
Unexpended balance from last year	45.72	
Received from State	254.00	
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Amount available		\$449.72
Expenditures, bills paid as approved by the Superintending School Committee		
Expenditures		\$326.00
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Unexpended balance		\$123.72

REPAIRS ON SCHOOLHOUSES

Appropriated		\$100.00
Unexpended balance from last year		29.27
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		\$129.27
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Equalization Fund for heating and venti- lating from State		\$55.00
Expenditures for Heating	\$55.00	

COMMON SCHOOL RECEIPTS

Total Appropriation		\$184.27
Expenditures for Repairs other than Heating	\$136.26	
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Total Expenditures	\$192.10	
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Overdrawn		\$7.83

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriated	\$200.00	
Unexpended balance	23.70	
Due from sale of old books	8.90	
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Amount available		\$232.60
Expenditures, Bills approved by the Superintending School Committee	\$169.95	
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Unexpended balance		\$62.65

Report of Treasurer

Henry R. Robinson, Town Treasurer

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Feb.	10.	To cash on hand	\$4,563.67
"	17.	To Cash from Town of Hartford, for tuition	11.00
"	23.	Cash from Wilmer B. Kidder, for tax collected after abatement	14.70
Mar.	5.	To Cash from Wilmer B. Kidder, for error in overcharge for percentage for collecting taxes for the year 1914	7.53
Apr.	16.	To Cash from State for dog licenses refunded for year 1913	64.67
"	29.	To Cash from Town Clerk for dog licenses for year 1914	21.00
May	9.	To Cash from Town Clerk for dog licenses for year 1914	49.00
"	18.	To Cash for Interest on bank certificates	29.00
"	23.	To Tax Bills committed to Hiram E. Stillman	8,671.00
"	30.	To Cash from Town Clerk for dog licenses for 1914	17.00
June	13.	To Supplementary Taxes assessed for 1914	14.88
"	15.	Interest on Bank Certificates	17.55

"	19.	To Cash from Mrs. Lucy Bryant for cemetery lot	10.00
Aug.	4.	Cash To Soldiers' Pensions from the State	36.00
"	17.	To Cash from State Highway Department	15.00
"	18.	To Cash from A. B. McIntire, for use of Town Farm for 1913	25.00
Oct.	1.	To Cash from State on acct. of State Paupers	23.79
Nov.	2.	To Cash from State on acct. of Soldiers' Pensions	18.00
"	20.	To Cash, State Equalization fund Common Schools	175.00

1915

Jan.	1.	To Cash from State on acct. of High Schools	254.00
"	1.	To Cash from State on acct. of damage by dogs to domestic animals	40.00
"	17.	To Cash from Hiram E. Stillman, for cemetery lot	10.00
"	20.	From State Common Schools Fund for 1914	578.28
"	20.	From State School fund and mill tax for 1914	830.44
Feb.	1.	To Cash from State on acct. of Soldiers' Pensions	18.00
"	2.	From State on account of State Aid Road Construction	627.89
"	9.	To Cash from A. B. McIntire on acct. of Town Farm rent	50.00

 Total

\$16,192.40

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1914			
April	2.	Cr. State Pension paid to Maria A. Gammon	\$ 9.00
"	2.	Cr. State Pension paid Esther J. Gordon	9.00
June	16.	Paid on State Tax by dog licenses refunded	64.67
July	2.	Paid State Pension to Maria A. Gammon	9.00
"	2.	Paid State Pension to Esther J. Gordon	9.00
Oct.	1.	Paid State Pension to Maria A. Gammon	9.00
"	1.	Paid State Pension to Esther J. Gordon	9.00
"	4.	Paid State dog licenses for 1914	87.00
Dec.	2.	Paid County Tax	409.04
"	2.	Paid State Pension to Maria Gammon	9.00
"	2.	Paid State Pension to Esther J. Gordon	9.00
1915			
Jan.	20.	Paid deficiency to State for dog licenses for the year 1913	10.00
"	20.	Paid balance of State Tax for the year 1914	1,271.46
Feb.	9.	By Paid Town Orders	10,076.18
"	9.	By Tax deeds on hand	306.12
		Total credits	\$12,296.47
		Cash on hand in Treasury	\$3,895.93

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN

Resources

To Tax Deeds in hands of Treasurer	\$306.12	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	3,895.93	
Due for rent of Town Farm	25.00	
Due from Solon Virgin for wire fencing	3.00	
Due for lots sold in East Peru Town Cemetery	40.00	
Town Farm and Personal Property	700.00	
Due from State on account of State Road	105.11	
Due from State on account of State Aid road maintenance	11.83	
Due from State on account of Automobile Road	6.30	
Due from Town of Dixfield, on account of Ferry	115.68	
Due from Town of Mexico, on account of Jennie Payne	64.43	
	\$5,273.40	
Total amount of Resources		\$5,273.40

Liabilities

Outstanding Orders	\$1,030.53	
Due Common Schools	415.72	
	\$1,446.25	
Total Liabilities		\$1,446.25
Resources more than Liabilities		\$3,827.15

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN LOVEJOY,
E. G. CHILD,
WILMER B. KIDDER,

Selectmen of Peru.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

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

Hereby I have the honor of presenting for your consideration my first annual report of the schools of Peru.

The schools during the past year have, as a whole, progressed very satisfactorily. Owing to resignations at the close of the spring term, only two teachers were returned to their old positions in the fall. Too frequent changes in teachers hinders progress. No teacher can do as good work the first year as she can the second. It takes time to become accustomed to new work in new surroundings and the longer a teacher is retained the more valuable she becomes.

We were successful in securing a fine corps of teachers to take up the work at the beginning of the year. I have found the teachers willing and eager to accept and adopt any suggestions for the betterment of their schools, and all have shown an interest and enthusiasm in their work. An especial effort for thoroughness has been made and I feel sure that much has been accomplished in this direction. Irregularity of attendance in some cases is largely to blame for lack of thoroughness. If parents will insist that pupils get to school on time and are absent only when a reasonable excuse can be given, they will assist greatly in the work of the schools. A careful study of the table of statistics is desired.

The teachers are planning for a public exhibition of school work and an entertainment to be given by the pupils of the various schools sometime during the latter part of the spring term. I trust that this plan may be carried out and that parents will co-operate with teachers and pupils in making it a success.

COURSE OF STUDY

A new course of study was prepared before the opening of the fall term, doing away with the advance grade, and bringing

the work of the primary grades up to conform more closely to the course of study recommended by the State Normal schools. This requires more advanced work in the lower grades, relieves the ninth grade of some advanced work, and gives more time for reviews which are so necessary in the last year of the common schools.

Progress books have been kept by the teachers this year. These books are made out at the end of each month, and are a brief record of the work accomplished in each study in all the grades of the school. They are examined and compared at the end of the month by the Superintendent. This plan has been found helpful in many ways, especially in keeping the work of the schools uniform.

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Several different text-books in grammar were being used. To make the work more uniform and to conform to the course of study, the old books were exchanged for the new Manly-Bailey grammars which have given excellent satisfaction in many Maine towns. They are working out well. New readers for the primary grades have been purchased; supplementary readers for the grammar grades will be needed next year, also more geographies and histories to replace the worn-out books.

According to the new rules and regulations of the State Board of Health it was necessary to do away with the common drinking cup. To retain the old water pails, and dip the individual drinking cups into the same pail of water would be little improvement upon the old system. Stone water coolers were obtained; these keep the water cool, free from dust and germs, and affords one step toward better sanitation in our schools. The coolers were purchased by the School Improvement Leagues of the several schools.

I am well pleased with the work of the leagues. Through their efforts curtains, bookcases, additions to school libraries and other improvements have been made possible. The school leagues may become an important factor in the school life of the

rural districts if parents, teachers, and children will make the most of the advantages offered by such an organization.

REPAIRS

At Worthley Pond a much needed floor has been laid. The room now needs a coat of paint and the stove must be replaced by a new one next term.

The lower room at the West Peru building was painted during the summer and is now in good condition. The floor in the upper room is very poor and the room needs new paper and paint.

CONCLUSION

Before closing I wish to call the attention of the citizens of the town to the great advantages that the schools might receive through uniting with other towns in the matter of supervision, and I would urge that some step be taken in the matter this year if possible.

A Superintendent who is engaged in teaching while the other schools are in session, or engaged in almost any kind of business, can not give the attention to the other schools that they should require. Wherever district supervision has been tried, it has proved satisfactory and in few places have they returned to the old system. The expense to the town would probably be little, if any, greater than at present, as the State bears part of the expense, and surely the advantages are many.

Thanking the Superintending School Committee, the teachers, and the citizens of the town for the spirit of helpfulness, and for their ready assistance, I remain

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA L. GOGGIN,

Superintendent of Schools.

COMMON SCHOOLS

Appropriations:

Unexpended balance, March, 1914	\$75.97
Appropriation	1,300.00
Common School Fund	578.28

School and Mill Fund	830.44	
Equalization Fund	175.00	
Interest on School Land Fund	34.38	
Tuition, Town of Hartford	11.00	
		<hr/> \$3,005.07

Expenditures:

Teachers' Wages	\$2,224.50	
Conveyance	191.70	
Board of Gladys Estes, 1 term	22.50	
Fuel	126.65	
Janitors	24.00	
		<hr/> \$2,589.35

Unexpended balance \$415.72

CONVEYANCE

Perley Childs, 3 terms	\$161.70	
Ferdinand Burgess, 2 terms	30.00	
		<hr/> \$191.70
Aurilla Gowell, for board of Gladys Estes, 1 term		\$22.50

JANITORS

Alice K. Irish, 2 terms	\$3.00	
Laura E. Long, 2 terms	3.00	
Marguerite O'Connor, 1 term	1.50	
Mildred Walker, 1 term	1.50	
Clyde Wheeler, 1 term	1.50	
Mabel Richardson, 2 terms	3.00	
Bertha L. Goggin, 2 terms	3.00	
Myrtle Smith, 1 term	1.50	
Mary I. Richardson, 1 term	1.50	
Bertha M. White, 1 term	1.50	
Dora E. Smith, 1 term	1.50	
Lena E. Noyes, 1 term	1.50	
		<hr/> \$24.00

FUEL

E. B. Knox	\$58.50	
E. A. Irish	25.00	
W. J. Bryant	3.25	
J. Leighton Knight	5.25	
H. R. Robinson	3.20	
Glenroy Miller	2.25	
Thomas Cunningham	1.50	
John Burgess	15.00	
B. L. Goggin	1.25	
W. J. Bryant	4.75	
Charles N. Childs	3.00	
Leroy Knox	2.00	
Charles N. Childs	1.70	
	<hr/>	\$126.65

HIGH SCHOOL

Appropriations:

Unexpended balance, March 1914	\$45.72	
Appropriation	150.00	
Received from State for year ending July 1, 1915	254.00	
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Expenditures*Leavitt Institute*

Stella Walker, one term \$7.00

Town of Canton

Frank Irish, 1 term	\$5.00	
Leslie Irish, 1 term	5.00	
Edwin Staples, 3 terms	17.00	
Arthur McFee, 1 term	5.00	
Maurice Oldham, 3 terms	17.00	
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Town of Mexico

Hazel McIntire, 2 terms	\$20.00
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Trustees of Hebron Academy

Carroll Robinson, 1 term	\$10.00
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Town of Dixfield

Elwin Childs, 3 terms	\$30.00
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William Jordan, 1 term	10.00
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Hazel Curtis, 1 term	10.00
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Verna McIntire, 3 terms	30.00
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Helen Pinkham, 3 terms	30.00
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Leonard Hall, 3 terms	30.00
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J. Leighton Knight, 3 terms	30.00
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Carl Smith, 3 terms	30.00
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Murton Brackett, 2 terms	20.00
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Ariel DeMeritt, 2 terms	20.00
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	\$240.00
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Unexpended balance	\$123.72
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TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriations:

Unexpended balance	\$23.70
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Appropriation	200.00
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Due from sale of old books	8.90
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	\$232.60
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Expenditures for Text-books

Silver, Burdett & Co.	\$ 5.76
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D. C. Heath & Co.	55.63
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Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.	30.63
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B. L. Goggin	1.16
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Ginn & Co.	9.40
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Silver, Burdett & Co.	9.12
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B. L. Goggin	5.76
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	\$117.46
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Expenditures for Suppiies

Edward E. Babb & Co.	\$6.90	
Ideal Supply Co.	2.96	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	16.91	
Kidder Brothers	4.28	
Smith & Sale	2.07	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	6.13	
Kidder Brothers	4.22	
Charles A. Lane	7.18	
C. S. Luce	1.84	
	<hr/>	\$52.49
Unexpended balance		\$62.65

REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Appropriations:		
Unexpended balance	\$84.27	
Raised by town	100.00	
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Expenditures

B. W. Kilbreth	.84
C. H. Towle	18.15
Victor Eastman	1.00
D. H. Conant	3.00
Perley Childs	1.00
Herbert Lunt	1.00
C. H. Towle	29.50
Chas. D. Dunn	12.00
Chas. N. Childs	5.50
C. F. Oldham	31.65
Chas. N. Childs	34.95
E. S. Newton	18.00
Chas. A. Lane	10.10
H. R. Robinson	1.37
Mabelle Robinson	3.00
Mrs. J. S. Russell	2.50
Sadie E. Kidder	2.50

Lottie B. Hammond	2.50	
May L. Goggin	11.00	
Benjamin Lovejoy	1.40	
Charles A. Lane	1.14	
		\$192.10
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Overdrawn		\$7.83

INCIDENTALS FOR SUPERINTENDENT

Holt Brothers, for letter heads, envelopes and vouchers	\$6.65	
B. L. Goggin, cash paid for car fare, team, postage, spring	4.57	
Holt Brothers, for 500 bill forms	2.10	
B. L. Goggin, cash paid for team, post- age, telephoning, fall	3.28	
B. L. Goggin, cash paid for team, car fare, winter	2.15	
		\$18.75

SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation:	
Raised by Town	\$150.00

Expenditures

B. L. Goggin	\$150.00
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AUDITORS' REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Superintendent of Schools of the town for the past year and find them correct and a proper voucher for every order drawn.

BURT W. KILBRETH, *Auditor.*

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK FROM

Jan. 1, 1914, to Jan. 1, 1915

Jan. 28, to wife of Victor A. Eastman, a son.

Feb. 9, to wife of Burt W. Kilbreth, a son.

March 25, to wife of Arthur L. Child, a son.

March 27, to wife of Peter C. Sharland, a son.

May 23, to wife of Joseph A. Arnold, a daughter.

June 7, to wife of Carl S. Holman, a son.

Aug. 8, to wife of Lynn E. Libby, a daughter.

Sept. 26, to wife of Reuben Vaughan, a son.

Oct. 4, to wife of Bert C. Kidder, a son.

Omitted from Report of 1913, not returned until 1914.

June 3, to wife of Reuben Vaughan, a son.

July 1, to wife of Stanley Hammond, a son.

MARRIAGES RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK FROM

Jan. 1, 1914, to Jan. 1, 1915

Feb. 11, at Rumford, by F. N. Bartlett, Mr. Alton L. Burgess of Peru, to Mrs. Grace D. Delano of Rumford.

March 14, at Rangeley, by Rev. Herman A. Childs, Mr. William B. Lovejoy of Peru, to Mrs. Mabel M. Cloutier of Lewiston.

March 21, at Peru, by Howard Turner, Mr. Lovell F. Oldham, to Mrs. Rose A. Rowe, both of Peru.

March 21, at Auburn, by Rev. R. F. Johonnot, Mr. Harry C. Cotes, to Miss Gladys A. Cook, both of Peru.

March 24, at Dixfield, by Rev. R. E. Gilkey, Mr. Walter W. Harding, to Miss Addie M. Knox, both of Peru.

June 3, at Peru, by Howard Turner, Mr. Nelson B. Lufkin, to Mrs. Emma Pingree, both of Peru.

June 7, at Peru, by Howard Turner, Mr. Ralph H. Bennett, of Buckfield, to Miss Annie M. Poland, of Peru.

June 10, at Mechanic Falls, by Rev. Chas. E. Brooks, Mr. Fred E. Lane, Jr., of Peru, to Miss Eunice M. Gower of Mechanic Falls.

June 13, at Jay, by Rev. Geo. E. Cook, Mr. Ezekiel B. Hines, of Canton to Mrs. Ida Putman, of Peru.

Sept. 2, at Hartford, by Rev. L. M. Robinson, Mr. Ray L. Linnell, of Magalloway, to Miss Ethel L. Robinson, of Peru.

Sept. 5, at Rumford, by Rev. John M. Arters, Mr. Orner W. Garneau of Roxbury, to Miss Mabel A. Knox, of Peru.

Dec. 9, at Dover, N. H., by Rev. Earle B. Cross, Mr. Edward C. Heath of Bethlehem, N. H., and Mrs. Alice J. Clark, of East Peru.

DEATHS RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK FROM

Jan. 1, 1914, to Jan. 1, 1915

Feb. 2, Lucile G. Frost, 4 mos., 19 days.

Feb. 15, James L. Kilbreth, 6 days.

March 6, Columbus Oldham, 83 years, 11 months, 14 days.

March 17, at Woodstock, Mahalia Noyes, 81 years, 10 mos.

March 17, at Curtis Corner, Columbus H. Wing, 91 years, 9 mos., 8 days.

March 19, Henry Bryant, 59 years, 5 months.

March 29, Elnora B. Davenport, 50 years, 4 mos., 11 days.

June 10, Henrietta D. Fletcher, 75 years, 9 mos., 7 days.

Oct. 8, Sarah Martin, 84 years, 4 days.

Oct. 10, William H. Stain, 56 years, 10 mos. 10 days.

Oct. 17, Infant son of B. C. Kidder, 13 days.

Dec. 3, at Portland, Lizzie C. Knight, 59 years, 10 mos., 19 days.

HOWARD TURNER,

Town Clerk.