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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

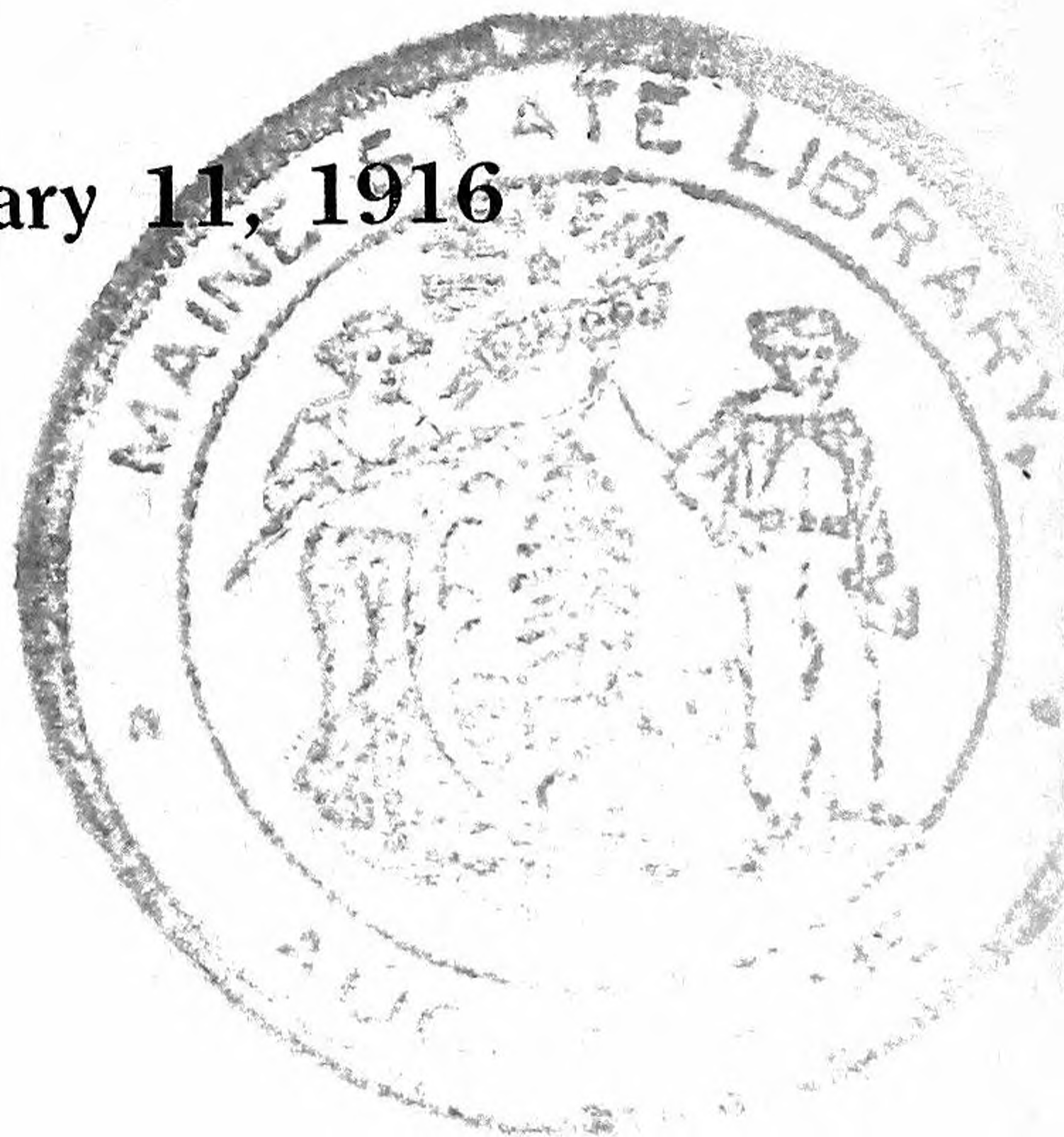
Municipal Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF PERU

FOR THE

Year Ending February 11, 1916



1916

ADVERTISER PRINT
Norway, Maine.

Town Officers

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

E. G. CHILD O. L. KNIGHT C. H. ROBINSON

Clerk

HOWARD TURNER

Treasurer

HENRY R. ROBINSON

Collector of Taxes

HIRAM E. STILLMAN

Constables

CHAS. N. CHILD IRVING C. KIDDER M. H. OLDHAM

Superintendent of Schools

BERTHA L. GOGGIN

Superintending School Committee

A. M. CURTIS BENJAMIN LOVEJOY CHAS. N. CHILD

Truant Officer

CHAS. A. WILSON IRVING C. KIDDER

Road Commissioner

THOS. CUNNINGHAM

Board of Health

ELTON S. NEWTON E. G. CHILD WILMER KIDDER

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ELTON S. NEWTON

Sextons

ADNA W. KNIGHT GEO. L. ROWE M. T. DESHON

Fire Warden

WILMER B. KIDDER

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

GEO. L. ROWE JOHN C. WYMAN WILMER B. KIDDER
WILLIAM J. BRYANT

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Report of Selectmen

The Selectmen of the Town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending February 11, 1916.

VALUATION

Real estate resident.....	\$185,428 00
Real estate non-resident.....	69,546 00
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Total real estate.....	\$254,974 00
Personal estate resident.....	\$68,139 00
Personal estate non-resident.....	5,160 00
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Total personal estate.....	\$73,299 00
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Total valuation.....	\$328,273 00
Value of buildings.....	\$117,169 00
Value of land.....	137,805 00

LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses	198	\$106 11	\$21,010 00
Colts, 3 to 4 years.....	9	92 22	830 00
Colts, 2 to 3 years.....	12	88 50	1,062 00
Colts, under 2 years....	16	62 18	995 00
Cows	449	34 87	15,658 00
Oxen	14	65 00	910 00
Three-years old.....	118	33 36	3,937 00
Two-years old.....	128	24 37	3,120 00
One-year old.....	191	12 76	2,438 00
Sheep	151	3 57	539 00
Swine	87	9 57	833 00
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Total amount.....			\$51,332 00

 ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade.....	\$9,860 00
Logs and lumber.....	6,132 00
Carriages, 30, valued at.....	825 00
Automobiles, 8, valued at.....	2,150 00
Pianos, 30, valued at.....	3,000 00
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Total amount of personal estate.....	\$21,967 00
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Total amount of Live Stock and Personal Estate	\$73,299 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

State tax.....	\$1,626 27
County tax.....	357 29
For summer roads and bridges.....	1,700 00
For winter roads.....	300 00
For State road.....	533 00
For repairs on State Aid road.....	60 00
For steel bridge.....	100 00
For road machine.....	250 00
For road tools.....	25 00
For support of common schools.....	1,300 00
For tuition to high schools.....	100 00
For text books and supplies.....	150 00
For repairs on schoolhouses.....	100 00
Interest on school fund.....	34 38
For support of poor.....	500 00
For town officers' bills.....	600 00
For memorial purpose.....	15 00
For breakwater.....	300 00
For miscellaneous town charges.....	400 00
Overlay	263 54
Supplementary	35 60
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Total amount committed to collector.....	\$8,750 08

Number of Polls taxed, 221.

Number of Polls not taxed, 25.

Poll tax, \$2.00.

Rate per cent., .0252.

 TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

We have leased the town farm to A. B. McIntire from May 1, 1915 to May 1, 1916. He is to leave the property in as good condition as when received and shall pay the town \$75.00 for use of same. And he is to board and care for all paupers we see fit to place upon the farm for a reasonable compensation.

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

POOR ACCOUNT.

Appropriation	\$500 00	
On account of Chas. Burgess:		
Paid Mrs. Elmer Knox for board and care....	\$196 00	
C. A. Lane for clothing and disinfectants	3 10	
Dr. J. S. Sturtevant for medical atten-		
dance	11 00	
Dr. W. M. Pease for medical attendance..	6 00	
Burial expenses.....	52 00	
Town of Leeds on account of F. J. Wing.	126 81	
For board and medical attendance of Ed-		
son Batcheldor.....	47 26	
Rec'd From town of Corinth on account of Ed-		
son Batcheldor.....	\$ 47 26	
Paid Mrs. O. T. Woodbury for board and care		
of Jennie Payne.....	12 00	
Rec'd From town of Mexico on account of Jen-		
nie Payne.....	12 00	
Paid Dr. W. M. Pease for medical attendance		
of Jennie Payne.....	6 00	
Rec'd From town of Mexico on account of Jen-		
nie Payne.....	6 00	
Paid For medical attendance and milk fur-		
nished Gladys Estes.....	8 98	
A. B. McIntire for board and care of		
Horace Clark.....	265 00	
A. B. McIntire for keeping tramps.....	4 00	
C. A. Wilson for supplies furnished Wm.		
E. Thurlow.....	28 06	
Overdrawn	200 95	
	\$766 21	\$766 21

CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Unexpended balance from 1914.....	\$81 99	
Paid M. T. DeShon for care of East Peru and Worthley Pond cemeteries.....	\$15 00	
A. W. Knight for care of Knox cemetery, labor and material for fencing Bur- gess Hill cemetery.....	14 06	
E. G. Child for care of Franklin Annex cemetery	1 50	
E. C. Chase for mowing grass in Dickvale and Cotes cemeteries.....	3 00	
E. C. Staples for posts for cemetery.....	4 50	
F. F. Burgess for hauling posts for ceme- tery	4 00	
Howard Turner for making deeds of ceme- tery lots.....	4 00	
Rec'd for four cemetery lots.....		40 00
Paid G. L. Rowe for services as sexton.....	2 00	
Balance in favor of appropriation.....	73 93	
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	\$121 99	\$121 99

HOLLIS TURNER CEMETERY FUND.

Interest available.....	\$29 58	
Expended on old Knight Cemetery.....	\$13 00	
Expended on Waite Cemetery.....	16 58	
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	\$29 58	\$29 58

MEMORIAL PURPOSES.

Appropriation	\$15 00	
Paid H. E. Stillman for flags.....	\$8 76	
Balance in favor of appropriation.....	6 24	
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	\$15 00	\$15 00

ACCOUNT FOR CUTTING WORTHLESS APPLE TREES AND
BUSHES ON HIGHWAY.

Unexpended balance from 1914.....	\$138 65	
Paid O. H. Pingree.....	\$ 7 20	
Arthur McFee.....	3 25	

Nelson Lufkin.....	7 20	
Roy Whitney.....	2 00	
Robert Gillispie.....	10 00	
John Oldham.....	4 00	
H. L. Wood.....	3 00	
S. W. Howard.....	3 50	
O. L. Knight.....	29 35	
W. E. Knox.....	5 50	
C. W. Knox.....	12 30	
L. M. Knight.....	4 40	
John Hopkins.....	6 10	
E. W. Knox.....	26 40	
Leland Austin.....	1 20	
C. E. Knox.....	1 40	
L. M. Knight.....	1 40	
E. W. Knox.....	2 80	
Balance in favor of appropriation.....	7 65	
		\$138 65 \$138 65

ROAD MACHINE ACCOUNT

Appropriation		\$250 00
Paid N. E. Road Machine Co.....	\$231 04	
C. H. Robinson for freight on road ma- chine	8 96	
Thos. Cunningham for setting up road machine	3 00	
C. H. Robinson for setting up road ma- chine	3 00	
Balance in favor of appropriation.....	4 00	
		\$250 00 \$250 00

TOOLS FOR USE ON HIGHWAY

Appropriation		\$25 00
Paid O. L. Knight for drag scraper, picks and freight on same.....	\$ 8 51	
Kidder Bros for road tools.....	11 55	
O. L. Knight for drag scraper.....	5 27	
Overdrawn		33
		\$25 33 \$25 33

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriated for summer roads.....	\$1,700 00
Manley Farrar, labor with team.....	\$46 00
Burt Tyler, labor.....	3 60
Ralph Bennett labor.....	8 70
Benjamin Lovejoy, labor.....	2 70
Marshall Babb, labor with team.....	47 25
E. B. Knox, labor with team.....	29 25
Melvin Lovejoy, labor.....	18 90
Thos. Cunningham, labor, Supt.....	39 38
Will Knox, labor.....	31 50
C. B. Knox, labor.....	26 10
Leon Child, labor.....	31 50
Chas. N. Child, labor.....	29 80
Roy Whitney, labor.....	31 50
Willard Cobb, labor.....	4 40
W. J. Bryant, plank.....	34 40
Alton York, labor.....	13 50
Merle Knox, labor.....	7 24
Elmer Lane, labor.....	31 50
L. E. Irish, labor with team.....	74 25
H. R. Robinson & Son, labor with team.....	2 70
C. B. Knox, labor.....	34 20
Harold Child, labor.....	21 60
A. B. Tyler, labor.....	12 60
Leon Child, labor.....	43 20
Elmer Lane, labor.....	18 00
C. W. Knox, labor.....	41 40
A. G. Walker, labor.....	2 50
Roy Whitney, labor.....	44 10
John Wiken, labor.....	36 90
Chas. N. Child, labor.....	49 00
Arnold Bros. Co., plank and repairs.....	63 45
Thos. Cunningham, Supt.....	58 50
Marshall Babb, labor with team.....	98 60
L. E. Irish, labor with team.....	99 50
Manley Farrar, labor with team.....	88 00
Eugene Knight, labor.....	6 40
Thos. Cunningham, Supt.....	56 88
Leon Child, labor.....	30 40
Chas. N. Child, labor.....	32 67
Manley Farrar, labor with team.....	27 00
Roy Knox, labor with team.....	20 00
Roy Whitney, labor.....	27 60

John Wiken, labor.....	33 00	
L. E. Irish, labor with team.....	50 00	
Marshall Babb, labor with team.....	46 13	
Harold Child, labor.....	18 60	
Eugene F. Knight, labor.....	22 20	
Kidder Bros., plank, dynamite, etc.....	66 70	
G. H. Libby, blacksmithing.....	2 10	
Perley Child, labor with team.....	41 00	
Nelson Lufkin, labor.....	5 00	
Richard Gill, labor.....	4 00	
Alfred Hammond, labor.....	2 00	
Will Knox, labor.....	25 80	
C. B. Knox, labor.....	1 80	
Roy Whitney, labor.....	10 40	
Chas. N. Child, labor.....	12 00	
Thos. Cunningham, labor.....	23 45	
Manley Farrar, labor with team.....	15 10	
Leon Child, labor.....	10 80	
Roy Knox, labor with team.....	7 00	
Earl Howard, labor with team.....	29 40	
John Wiken, labor.....	10 40	
L. E. Irish, labor with team.....	8 00	
A. W. Knight, labor.....	7 50	
Fred Cunningham, labor.....	5 80	
Thos. Cunningham, labor.....	8 34	
L. E. Irish, labor with team.....	8 00	
Chas. Clark, labor.....	3 60	
Thos. Cunningham, labor.....	5 60	
Fred Cunningham, labor.....	90	
Kidder Bros., plank and labor.....	13 76	
G. W. Cotes, labor.....	2 50	
E. L. Knox, labor.....	3 56	
Chas. Andrews, labor.....	1 40	
O. O. Tracy, labor.....	1 60	
Melvin Knox, labor.....	5 20	
W. J. Bryant, labor.....	2 70	
E. G. Child, labor.....	11 70	
E. G. Bassett, labor.....	1 50	
H. R. Robinson & Son, labor.....	4 35	
Earl E. Howard.....	4 40	
Overdrawn		\$263 96

\$1,963 96

\$1,963 96

 BREAKWATER ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$300 00	
Paid A. E. Bartlett for Construction.....	\$348 00	
Overdrawn	\$48 00	
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	\$348 00	\$348 00

NEW BRIDGE ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Unexpended balance from 1914.....	187 96	
Paid United Const. Co. for bridge.....	\$ 67 00	
W. J. Bryant for hauling bridge.....	2 50	
W. J. Bryant for plank, delivered.....	14 80	
W. J. Bryant for construction.....	75 00	
Balance in favor of appropriation.....	128 66	
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	\$287 96	\$287 96

STATE ROAD ACCOUNTS.

Town appropriation.....	\$533 00	
Received from state.....	493 59	
Expended by Thos. Cunningham.....	\$1,026 59	
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	\$1,026 59	\$1,026 59
Town appropriation for maintenance.....	\$60 00	
Received from state.....	52 61	
Expended by Thos. Cunningham.....	\$124 13	
Overdrawn	11 52	
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	\$124 13	\$124 13

SNOW BILLS.

Appropriation	\$300 00	
Unexpended balance.....	285 23	
H. L. Lovejoy.....	\$ 70	
Geo. W. Cotes.....	3 40	
M. H. Babb.....	3 75	
Philip Pinkham.....	1 50	

Ernest Andrews.....	2 30
N. B. Lufkin.....	7 25
Fred Cunningham.....	5 75
E. W. Knox.....	6 20
A. S. Holman.....	2 25
Glenroy Gill.....	2 00
Richard Gill.....	12 49
Charles Frost.....	3 60
Percy A. Frost.....	2 00
E. B. Fletcher.....	12 10
A. G. Walker.....	23 50
W. H. Cox.....	23 50
Sewell Staples.....	11 32
J. E. Dow.....	5 60
Thomas Cunningham.....	16 88
W. S. Hotham.....	14 10
E. W. Sturtevant.....	7 65
Peter Sharland.....	1 60
F. F. Burgess.....	10 40
A. B. McIntire.....	1 20
Chas. Frost.....	6 95
C. L. Knox.....	2 00
E. B. Fletcher.....	3 80
Chas. Frost.....	4 00
E. W. Knox.....	5 30
Thos. Cunningham.....	23 62
A. B. McIntire.....	1 00
Balance in favor of appropriation.....	357 52

\$585 23

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MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES.

Appropriation	\$400 00
Paid Benj. Lovejoy for postage and telephone toll on account of town reports.....	\$ 77
Mail Pub. Co., for printing town reports.	34 85
Loring, Short & Harmon, for books and supplies	11 05
Bertha L. Goggin for incidentals for supt's. use.....	4 56
H. E. Stillman, for burying dead horse..	5 00
A. B. McIntire for labor repairing town farm buildings.....	11 10

Cleston Knox, for labor repairing town farm buildings.....	8 10
United Construction Co., for 2 cast iron sluices	25 60
Kidder Bros., material for use on town farm and buildings.....	32 14
Howard Turner, revenue stamps for bonds	2 50
A. E. Bartlett, for repairs on old break-water and bridge abutments.....	47 50
For supplies for town clerk's use.....	3 20
C. A. Lane, for material used on town farm house.....	1 15
R. A. Pinkham, for wall paper and hanging same.....	11 00
B. L. Goggin, for incidental supplies.....	2 47
L. H. Davenport, for labor on town farm house	1 35
The Fairbanks Co., for sealers' supplies..	10 28
Kidder Bros., for glass and putty for town hall.....	60
Kidder Bros., for material for town farm use	1 13
Putnam & Wiken, for lanterns.....	1 80
Parker & Bisbee for legal advice in 1914.	2 00
R. W. Bicknell, M. D. for certificates of births and deaths.....	75
J. S. Sturtevant, M. D., for certificates of births and deaths.....	3 00
H. R. Robinson & Son, for repairs on town hall.....	50
J. S. Sturtevant, for examination of James P. York for blindness.....	2 00
J. C. Wyman, for use of water tub.....	5 00
W. H. Phinney, for use of water tub....	5 00
E. S. DeMeritt, for use of water tub....	5 00
H. R. Robinson & Son, for use of water tub	5 00
Geo. H. Conant for use of water tub.....	3 00
James Irish, for use of water tub.....	3 00
Bertha L. Goggin, for incidental supplies	5 07
Howard Turner, for Clerks' incidentals..	1 00
Town of Dixfield for one-half expense of ferry, \$73.13.	
Due town of Peru on 1914 Ferry Acct., \$62.49.	

Paid Dixfield to balance Ferry Acct.....	10 64	
H. E. Stillman, expense of advertising..	50	
Benj. Lovejoy, chest for town books....	2 50	
Kidder Bros., for supplies for Town Farm	2 04	
H. R. Robinson, Treas.' incidentals....	3 25	
E. G. Child, Selectmen's incidentals....	10 11	
Balance in favor of appropriation.....	114 49	
	\$400 00	\$400 00

ABATEMENTS

Herbert Sole, paid in Rumford.....	\$ 1 64
Joseph Asnault, paid in Rumford.....	1 89
Herman Cotton, unable to locate.....	2 00
Geo. V. Child, paid in Woodstock.....	6 41
Llewellyn Davis, unable to locate.....	1 89
Herman McLane, unable to locate.....	2 00
Sewell Staples, unable to pay.....	12 35
Geo. H. Snell, unable to locate.....	2 00
Elmer Wing, paid in Woodstock.....	2 00
Lovel T. Oldham, unable to pay.....	2 00
Herman Beals, paid in Rumford.....	1 51
Total	\$35 69

DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS

Eugene Knight.....	\$ 2 00
Frank A. Lamb.....	2 00
Chas. Murphy.....	3 26
Harry Channon.....	9 56
Clara Vaughn.....	8 82
A. M. Curtis.....	27 43
W. J. Bryant.....	87 53
Total	\$140 60

Treasurer's Report

	DR.
To Cash on hand, Feb. 9, 1915.....	\$3,895 93
Tax deeds in treasury.....	306 12
Check from town of Dixfield, ferry acct...	53 19
Town of Hartford, tuition.....	11 00
Roscoe V. Robinson, for cemetery lot.....	10 00
Town of Mexico, for expense of poor....	82 43
State, dog licenses refunded.....	53 12
Int. on Bank deposit.....	8 71
Town clerk, dog licenses.....	89 00
Int. on Bank deposit.....	7 39
Commitment to H. E. Stillman, collector, 1915	8,714 48
Int. on Bank certificates.....	20 89
Supplementary taxes.....	35 60
Cash from Solon Virgin, wire fencing....	3 00
Geo. Oldham, for cemetery lot.....	10 00
Bank, for money hired.....	500 00
Int. on tax deeds.....	84
B. L. Goggin, for over-pay, Spring term...	3 15
A. B. McIntire, for rent of town farm, 1914	25 00
John A. Putnam, for old road machine....	10 00
L. E. Irish, for cemetery lot.....	10 00
Selectmen, for part of old road machine...	1 00
State, pensions.....	36 00
Bal. due on auto road, 1914.....	6 18
Equalization fund.....	250 00
Common School fund.....	605 42
School mill fund.....	780 74
State road maintenance.....	52 61
Cash from town of Corinth, for expense of poor	47 26
State, pensions.....	18 00
Cash from State, Free High School.....	198 66
State road construction.....	493 59
State, pensions.....	18 00
M. A. Babb and W. B. Gillispie, for ceme- tery lot.....	10 00

Int. on tax deeds.....	1 64	
A. B. McIntire, for part rent of Town Farm, 1915.....	46 50	
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Total		\$16,415 45
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By Paid on State tax, dog licenses refunded..\$	53 12	
State pension, Esther J. Gordon.....	36 00	
State pension, Maria A. Gammon....	36 00	
Cash sent State for dog license, 1915.	86 00	
Note at Bank.....	500 00	
Int. on note.....	7 71	
County tax.....	357 29	
Bal. of state tax.....	1,573 15	
Tax deeds on hand.....	307 97	
Due on H. E. Stillman's tax bills, 1915	26 67	
Orders turned over.....	9,619 34	
Cash on hand to balance.....	3,812 20	
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	\$16,415 45	\$16,415 45

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Appropriation		\$600 00
E. G. Child, selectman, etc.....	\$105 00	
O. L. Knight, selectman, etc.....	56 00	
C. H. Robinson, selectman, etc.....	63 00	
Howard Turner, clerk.....	30 00	
H. R. Robinson, treasurer.....	50 00	
Hiram E. Stillman, collector of taxes.....	130 30	
Alvah M. Curtis, school committee.....	7 00	
Benj. Lovejoy, school committee.....	8 00	
Chas. N. Child, school committee.....	5 00	
Bertha L. Goggin, superintendent.....	100 00	
Elton S. Newton, board of health.....	4 00	
E. G. Child, board of health.....	1 00	
Wilmer B. Kidder, board of health.....	1 00	
Elton S. Newton, sealer.....		
Wilmer B. Kidder, fire warden.....	1 75	
Geo. W. Oldham, services as ballot clerk in 1914	3 00	
B. W. Kilbreth, auditor in 1914.....	2 50	
Balance in favor of appropriation.....	32 45	
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	\$600 00	\$600 00

 FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN, FEB. 11, 1916

Resources

Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	\$3,812 20
Tax deeds in hands of Treasurer.....	307 97
Due from A. B. McIntire, for rent of Town Farm	28 50
B. C. Kidder, for cemetery lot....	10 00
B. S. Austin, for part of old road machine	2 00
Town of Bethel, for supplies fur- nished W. E. Thurlow.....	28 06
Town of Paris, for medical attend- ance of Gladys Estes.....	8 98
County of Oxford, cash paid for examination of J. P. York for blindness	2 00
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Total	\$4,199 71

Liabilities

Outstanding orders.....	\$762 61
Due the schools.....	640 39
Due Supt.....	50 00
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Total	\$1,453 00
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Resources more than liabilities.....	\$2,746 71

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. CHILD,
O. L. KNIGHT,
C. H. ROBINSON,

Selectmen of Peru.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Peru:

Hereby I submit my annual report of the progress, conditions, and needs of the schools of Peru.

Following the course of study adopted last year, the schools have made excellent progress and attained a higher standard than heretofore. Several of our pupils have moved from this to other towns and have been able to enter more advanced grades. Our high school students are making good and very favorable reports of their work have been received. The question has arisen in the minds of some of our citizens as to the advisability of establishing a high school in our own town. It may seem that we are expending quite a sum for high school tuition, but a study of the requirements for the maintenance of a free high school as stated in the school laws of the state, will show the impracticability of such a move.

INSTRUCTORS—PARENTS

Education in a rural community depends very largely upon its teaching force. The rural teacher of today must know how to govern wisely, must be well versed in a wide range of subjects, must look after the physical welfare of the children entrusted to her care, must take an interest in all that interests the community, must please and entertain, in short she must be "an all-round specialist." And what is she getting in return? The least she may expect is sympathy, interest in her work on the part of the parents, and now and then a word of encouragement. For successful results, teachers need the cooperation of the parents. The parents' responsibility does not end when they send the child off to school in the morning. We need your assistance in many ways,—you can help to prevent contagious diseases.

es, see that the children remain at home evenings during the school week, encourage home study, prevent tardiness and absences, and be interested in all that pertains to the good of the school. Show your interest by frequent visits.

The attendance for the past year has improved except in one or two sections of the town. When parents realize the importance of each day's work as a part of the finished whole, they will see greater progress in the school work of the children.

You have reason to be pleased with your teachers. They have been faithful, have shown much interest in their work, and are striving for improvement, both in self and school. Nearly all take one or more school magazines and they have taken advantage of the traveling library for teachers. Special effort has been made to make school-rooms attractive. Educational exhibits have been obtained and new books of educational value have been added to the school libraries. Some hand work has been attempted and more drawing in all the schools. Public exhibitions of work at the close of the spring term added zest to school work.

TEXT-BOOKS

This year the old physiologies have been exchanged for new ones of a more practical kind. Civics has been introduced into the ninth grade. Some worn-out books have been replaced. Next year the old geographies should be exchanged, and new maps and globes are needed.

REPAIRS

A hardwood floor has been laid in the grammar room and the room now needs paint and paper. The flag-poles at four of the buildings have been repaired. The East Peru building needs shingling on one side. In some of the rooms the sheathing is badly smoked; it should be thoroughly cleaned and varnished, and all of the desks and seats need varnishing.

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

The Common School account shows a balance somewhat larger than usual. This is due in part to the fact that the present term began a month later than formerly. This arrangement was made to have the vacation occur during the holidays. The Equalization Fund, to be used for lengthening the school year or increasing salaries, is larger

than last year, and the School and Mill Fund is considerably increased. This does not mean that the Common School Fund for the coming year should be reduced. Though the high cost of living has not affected us greatly, I find that it is difficult to secure board for teachers at the price formerly paid, nor should we expect it. Teachers' salaries are increasing elsewhere, and janitors are demanding more for their work.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Common Schools.....	\$1,300 00
Text-books and supplies.....	150 00
Repairs	200 00
Tuition	150 00

Thanking the Superintending School Committee for their loyal support, and the teachers and pupils for faithful work, I close this report.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA L. GOGGIN,

Superintendent of Schools for Peru.

 SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

COMMON SCHOOLS

Appropriations:

Balance from 1915.....	\$ 415 72
Appropriation	1,300 00
Common School Fund.....	605 42
School and Mill Fund.....	780 74
Equalization Fund.....	250 00
Int. on school land fund.....	34 38
Town of Hartford.....	11 00
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Total	\$3,397 26

Expenditures:

Teachers' salaries.....	\$2,365 00
Conveyance	165 00
Janitors	44 28
Fuel	182 59
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Total	\$2,756 87

Unexpended

\$640 39

FUEL

F. A. Lamb.....	\$ 6 75
James Miller.....	12 00
Perley K. Childs.....	25 00
W. J. Bryant.....	3 50
Pliney Wing.....	5 34
Glenroy Miller.....	2 25
C. A. Lane.....	47 50
Howard Turner.....	4 00
John Burgess.....	15 00
N. S. Stowell.....	7 50
William Childs.....	10 00
Dragoon Bros.....	5 00
Kidder Bros.....	23 75
N. S. Stowell.....	9 00
W. J. Bryant.....	3 75
H. R. Robinson.....	2 25
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Total	\$182 59

HIGH SCHOOL

Appropriations:

Balance from 1915.....	\$123 72
Appropriation	100 00
Received from State.....	198 66

Total	\$422 38
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Expenditures:

Hebron Academy, Carroll Robinson, 3 terms.....	\$30 00
Canton High, Edwin Staples, 3 terms.....	\$24 00
Harold Childs, 1 term.....	10 00

Total	\$34 00
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Dixfield High, Murton Brackett, 2 terms.....	\$20 00
Elwin Childs, 2 terms.....	20 00
Ariel I. DeMeritt, 2 terms.....	20 00
Leonard Hall, 1 term.....	10 00
J. Leighton Knight, 2 terms.....	20 00
Verna McIntire, 2 terms.....	20 00
Helen Pinkham, 2 terms.....	20 00
Carl E. Smith, 1 term.....	10 00
Leon M. Allen, 2 terms.....	20 00
Louis DeLano, 1 term.....	10 00
Richard Smith, 1 term.....	10 00
Isaac Searles, 1 term.....	10 00
Winnie Braley, 1 term.....	10 00
Mary Gordon, 1 term.....	10 00
Hayden Child, 1 term.....	10 00
Hazel Curtis, 1 term.....	10 00

	\$230 00
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Total	\$294 00
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Unexpended balance.....	\$128 38
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TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriations:

Unexpended balance.....	\$ 62 65
Appropriation	150 00

Total	\$212 65
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EXPENDITURES—TEXT-BOOKS

American Book Co.....	\$17 28
D. C. Heath & Co.....	5 10
Ginn & Co.....	7 68
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	3 46
B. L. Goggin.....	2 70
American Book Co.....	40 48
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	9 03
Ginn & Co.....	5 82
D. H. Knowlton & Co.....	1 92
Ginn & Co.....	1 08
B. L. Goggin.....	1 25
Total	\$95 80

EXPENDITURES—SUPPLIES

Edward E. Babb & Co.....	\$26 43
Oliver C. Bridge.....	2 09
Holt Bros.....	3 85
Putnam & Wiken.....	4 05
C. A. Lane.....	3 80
Edward S. Babb & Co.....	20 30
A. S. Barnes & Co.....	1 49
Edward E. Babb & Co.....	1 44
Kidder Bros.....	70
Edward E. Babb & Co.....	1 62
Total	\$65 77
Unexpended balance.....	\$51 08

REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$100 00
Expenditures:	
A. M. Curtis.....	\$ 5 11
Hazel Kidder.....	1 00
Oscar DeLano.....	2 25
Perley K. Childs.....	1 00
C. A. Lane.....	2 00
Herbert Lunt.....	1 00

Victor Eastman.....	1 00	
C. N. Childs.....	24 83	
Leon Childs.....	8 00	
Grace Russell.....	5 00	
Lottie B. Hammond.....	2 50	
May L. Goggin.....	14 00	
C. F. Oldham.....	35 20	
C. N. Childs.....	2 00	
E. C. Chase.....	1 00	
Kidder Bros.....	1 01	
C. M. Small.....	5 00	
C. N. Childs.....	5 60	
H. R. Robinson.....	1 50	
Benjamin Lovejoy.....	4 93	
Total		\$123 93
Overdrawn		\$23 93

INCIDENTALS FOR SUPERINTENDENT

B. L. Goggin, cash paid for car-fare, team, postage, spring.....	\$4 56	
Holt Bros., letter-heads, envelopes, vouchers.....	6 95	
B. L. Goggin, cash paid for car-fare, postage, parcel-post, fall.....	2 47	
B. L. Goggin, cash paid for car-fare, postage, parcel-post, winter.....	5 07	
Total		\$19 05

SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation:

Raised by Town.....\$150 00

Expenditures:

B. L. Goggin.....\$100 00

Due B. L. Goggin.....\$50 00

STATISTICS, ATTENDANCE, ETC.

School	Term	No. of Weeks	No. Registered	Average Attendance	No. Tardy	No. Dismissed	Not Absent	No. Recitations	Visits of Citizens	Visits of Supt.	No. Conveyed
Pond.....	{ Winter.....	8	24	20.7	36	2	3	40	0	3	7
	{ Spring.....	12	24	23.6	3	1	20	31	21	2	6
	{ Fall.....	14	21	20.4	1	0	6	34	5	3	6
East.....	{ Winter.....	11	9	8.	1	0	2	20	0	3	
	{ Spring.....	11	9	8.	1	1	3	20	4	2	
	{ Fall.....	13	10	8	0	1	2	30	10	3	
Center.....	{ Winter.....	11	27	22.5	77	5	4	32	3	2	
	{ Spring.....	11	28	25.	53	13	0	32	0	3	
	{ Fall.....	13	23	20.	75	10	3	33	5	2	
Highland.....	{ Winter.....	11	13	11.4	16	2	4	30	4	2	
	{ Spring.....	11	13	12.5	14	3	8	32	0	2	
	{ Fall.....	13	11	10.5	0	0	3	33	0	2	
Union.....	{ Winter.....	11	11	9.	43	4	1	22	9	2	
	{ Spring.....	11	9	8.	41	7	0	22	9	2	
	{ Fall.....	13	14	12.3	2	4	1	31	2	2	
Dickvale.....	{ Winter.....	10	14	13.	14	1	9	24	7	2	
	{ Spring.....	11	15	14.	13	0	7	30	26	2	
	{ Fall.....	13	14	13.	5	0	4	24	5	2	
Primary.....	{ Winter.....	11	13	10.5	24	1	0	32	16	1	2
	{ Spring.....	11	21	18.9	4	3	2	27	8	1	2
	{ Fall.....	13	24	19.6	16	2	2	23	7	1	2
Grammar.....	{ Winter.....	11	20	18.2	17	12	4	20	23		
	{ Spring.....	11	20	18.5	5	15	7	19	25		
	{ Fall.....	13	16	15.1	5	10	3	21	9		

STATISTICS -- FINANCIAL

School	Term	No. of Weeks	Teachers	Salary per Week	Janitor for Term	Cost of Conveyance
Pond.....	Spring..	12	Edith Lowell.....	\$10.00	\$1.50	\$66.00
	Fall.....	14	Florence M Hilton.....	10.00	1.50	77.00
	Winter..	11	Florence M. Packard....	10.00	2.50	60.50
East.....	Spring..	11	Ruby K. Mahar.....	8 00	1.50	
	Fall ...	13	Ruby K. Mahar.....	9.00	1.50	
	Winter..	12	Ruby K. Mahar.....	9.00	2 50	
Center....	Spring..	11	Mary I. Richardson.....	10.00	1.50	
	Fall ...	13	Mary I. Richardson.....	10.00	1.50	
	Winter..	12	Mary I. Richardson.....	10.00	2.50	
Highland.	Spring..	11	Clara M. Morton	8 00	1.50	
	Fall	13	Geneva H. Wentworth.	9.00	1.50	
	Winter..	12	Geneva H. Wentworth.	9.00	2 50	
Union....	Spring..	11	Bertha M. White.....	9.50	1.50	
	Fall ...	13	Maude Johnston	9 00	1.50	
	Winter..	12	Maude Johnston.....	9 00	2.50	
Dickvale..	Spring..	11	Blanche McIntire ...	9 50	1.50	
	Fall	13	Ava E. Philbrick.....	9.00	1 50	
	Winter..	12	Ava E. Philbrick.....	9.00	2.50	
Primary..	Spring .	11	Laura F. Long	9.50	1.50	15.00
	Fall	13	Laura E. Long.	9.50	1.50	15.00
	Winter..	12	Laura E. Long.....	9.50	2.50	40.00
Grammar.	Spring..	11	Bertha L. Goggin.....	10.50	1 50	
	Fall	13	Bertha L. Goggin.. ...	10.50	1.50	
	Winter..	12	Bertha L. Goggin.....	10.50	2.50	

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK FROM

Jan. 1, 1915, to Jan. 18, 1916.

1915

- Jan. 11, to wife of Ray J. Tyler, a daughter.
- Feb. 6, to wife of Sylvester A. Searles, a daughter.
- Feb. 8, to wife of Ormer W. Garneau, a son.
- Feb. 28, to wife of Fred Cunningham, a daughter.
- June 19, to wife of Linwood L. Haynes, a son.
- July 5, to wife of Hermon L. Fuller, a daughter.
- July 25, to wife of Charles H. Cotton, a son.
- Aug. 2, to wife of George H. Conant, a daughter.
- Aug. 12, to wife of Willis S. Haines, a son.
- Aug. 12, to wife of Charles S. Luce, a son.
- Sept. 28, to wife of Irving C. Kidder, a son.
- Sept. 30, to wife of William F. Tyler, a son.
- Oct. 26, to wife of William T. Wood, a daughter.

1916

- Jan. 18, to wife of Bert C. Kidder, a son.

MARRIAGES RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK FROM

Jan. 1, 1915, to Jan. 3, 1916.

- Jan. 15, at Rumford, by Lucian W. Blanchard, Mr. Eli Fortin of Rumford, to Miss Bertha Haynes of Peru.
- Feb. 27, at Peru, by Rev. Ozro Roys, Mr. Leavitt M. Knight to Mrs. Aurie E. Atkins, both of Peru.
- Feb. 28, at Peru, by Rev. Ozro Roys, Mr. Samuel O. Snow of Lewiston, to Miss Jennie R. Payne of Mexico.

Mar. 15, at South West Harbor, by Rev. William B. Van Valkenburg, Mr. Albert E. Getchell of Peru to Miss Helen M. Seavey of Mt. Desert.

Mar. 17, at Mexico, by Rev. George K. Carter, Mr. Earland Frost of Peru, to Miss Ethel R. Kirkland of Rumford.

May 4, at Canton, by Rev. A. G. Murray, Mr. Charles A. Ray of Canton, to Miss Hazel M. McIntire of Peru.

May 23, at Mexico, by Rev. George K. Carter, Mr. Lorenzo E. Irish to Mrs. Elva E. Hammond, both of Peru.

June 1, at Peru, by Rev. E. E. Osborne, Mr. Ormond J. Chase, to Miss Cora B. Dow, both of Peru.

July 4, at West Paris, by C. H. Young, Mr. Oscar J. Putnam, to Miss Mabel A. Richardson, both of Peru.

Oct. 30, at Dixfield, by Rev. Ransom E. Gilkey, Mr. Alton L. Lovejoy, to Miss Lalia L. Hammond, both of Peru.

Nov. 7, at Mexico, by Rev. M. O. Baltzer, Mr. Grover C. Bridgham of Buckfield, to Blanche L. McIntire of Peru.

Dec. 31, at Canton, by Ronello A. Barrows, Mr. Harold D. Packard of Peru, to Miss Florence M. Hilton of Pembroke.

Jan. 3, 1916, at Livermore Falls, by H. S. McCready, Mr. Clyde C. Burgess of Peru to Miss Elva M. Payne of Jay.

DEATHS RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK FROM

Jan. 1, 1915, to Feb. 1, 1916.

1915

Feb. 16, Frank DeMeritt, 68 years, 5 months, 22 days.

Mar. 16, at Norway, Edith Hadley, 6 years, 14 days.

Mar. 23, Cyrus F. Gordon, 76 years, 10 months, 1 day.

April 29, at Rumford, Henry A. Chase, 61 years.

May 14, Isabel Hammond, 74 years, 4 months, 14 days.

July 26, baby Cotton, 1 day.

July 31, Amos A. Babb, 59 years, 8 months, 29 days.

Aug. 2, at Augusta, Wallace S. DeShon, 38 years, 3 months, 24 days.

Aug. 16, Charles Burgess, 51 years, 6 months, 15 days.

Nov. 6, Emily I. Bearce, 69 years, 3 months, 29 days.

Dec. 22, Esther L. Gillespie, 29 years, 1 month, 5 days.

Dec. 24, John Hopkins, 65 years, 9 months, 24 days.

1916

Jan. 31, William H. Bent, 75 years, 4 months, 19 days.

HOWARD TURNER,

Town Clerk.