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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

# TOWN OF PERU

FOR THE

Year Ending February 12, 1917

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1917  
Advertiser Print  
Norway, Maine.

# Town Officers

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## *Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor*

A. B. McINTIRE                      C. H. ROBINSON                      E. G. CHILD

## *Clerk*

HOWARD TURNER

## *Treasurer*

HENRY R. ROBINSON

## *Collector of Taxes*

OSROE L. KNIGHT

## *Constables*

CHARLES N. CHILD

IRVING C. KIDDER

## *Superintendent of Schools*

PARKER M. COOPER

## *Superintending School Committee*

BENJAMIN LOVEJOY    CHARLES N. CHILD    I. C. KIDDER

## *Truant Officer*

E. S. NEWTON

## *Board of Health*

E. G. CHILD

WILMER B. KIDDER

ELTON S. NEWTON

## *Sealer of Weights and Measures*

E. S. NEWTON

## *Sextons*

ADNA W. KNIGHT

OSBORN O. TRACY

M. T. DESHON

## *Fire Warden*

WILMER B. KIDDER

## *Surveyors of Wood and Lumber*

FRANK A. LAMB

JOHN C. WYMAN

WILMER B. KIDDER

WILLIAM J. BRYANT

80660

# Report of Selectmen

The Selectmen of the Town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending Feb., 1917.

## VALUATION

Real estate, resident.....	\$182,088 00
Real estate, non-resident.....	68,236 00
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Total real estate.....	\$250,324 00
Personal estate, resident.....	\$57,591 00
Personal estate, non-resident .....	5,915 00
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Total personal estate.....	\$63,506 00
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Total valuation .....	\$313,830 00
Valuation of land .....	\$133,120 00
Valuation of buildings.....	117,204 00

## LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses .....	190	\$104 17	\$19,793 00
Colts, 3 to 4 years.....	9	108 88	980 00
Colts, 2 to 3 years.....	16	91 25	1,460 00
Colts, under 2 years.....	12	44 50	534 00
Cows .....	422	31 50	13,293 00
Oxen .....	8	76 87	615 00
Three-year-old .....	130	19 62	3,551 00
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Total value .....			\$40,226 00

## ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade.....	\$9,800 00
Logs and lumber .....	5,880 00
Wood and bark.....	1,075 00
Small boats, 3 .....	225 00

Carriages, 32 .....	720 00
Automobiles, 8.....	1,950 00
Musical instruments, 31.....	3,125 00
Portable mill, 1.....	75 00
Gas engines, 21.....	430 00
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Total amount of personal estate.....	\$23,280 00
Total amount of personal estate and live stock.....	\$63,506 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

State tax.....	\$1,626 27
County tax .....	357 29
For Summer roads .....	2,500 00
For Winter roads.....	200 00
For State aid road.....	533 00
For repairs on State aid road.....	40 00
For road tools.....	25 00
For new concrete bridge.....	600 00
For support of common schools.....	1,300 00
High school tuition .....	150 00
Text books and supplies .....	150 00
Repairs on school houses .....	100 00
Interest on school fund .....	34 38
Support of poor .....	500 00
Town officers' bills .....	600 00
Miscellaneous town charges .....	300 00
Overlay .....	219 30
Supplementary .....	198 90
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Total amount committed to collector.....\$9,434 14

Number of polls taxed, 224  
Number of polls not taxed, 23  
Poll tax, \$2.00.  
Rate of taxation, .028.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT

We have leased the town farm to A. B. McIntire from May 1, 1916 to May 1, 1917. He is to leave the property in as good condition as he received it and shall pay the town \$75.00 for the 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.

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 POOR ACCOUNT.

Appropriated .....	\$500 00	
Paid A. B. McIntire for board and care of		
Horace Clark .....	\$260 00	
Town of Leeds for supplies furnished F.		
J. Wing and family .....	153 13	
A. B. McIntire for keeping tramps.....	1 50	
J. S. Sturtevant for medical attendance		
on Mrs. Alton Burgess.....	2 50	
		<u>\$417 13</u>
Balance unexpended .....	\$82 87	

## POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid Dr. J. S. Sturtevant for medical attend-		
ance on Mrs. Jesse Estes .....	\$20 00	
Mrs. Grace Burgess for care of Mrs.		
Jesse Estes .....	10 00	
Dr. J. S. Sturtevant for medical at-		
tendance on Mrs. Winfield P. Estes		
and daughter .....	5 00	
B. F. Woodward for burial expenses of		
Herman Cotton's baby .....	12 00	
		<u>\$47 00</u>
Received from town of Woodstock .....	\$30 00	
Due from town of Paris.....	5 00	
Due on Herman Cotton acc't. ....	12 00	
		<u>\$47 00</u>

## CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Unexpended balance from 1916 .....	\$73 93	
Paid M. T. Deshon for care of East Peru and		
Worthley Pond Cemeteries.....	16 00	
A. W. Knight for care of Knox ceme-		
tery .....	2 00	
F. P. Burgess for care of Burgess Hill		
cemetery .....	2 00	

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A. B. Taylor for care of Dickvale and Cotes cemetery .....	2 00
E. G. Child for care of Franklin annex cemetery .....	1 50
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Total expenditures .....	\$23 50
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Unexpended balance .....	\$50 43

HOLLIS TURNER CEMETERY FUND.

Interest available.....	\$26 37
Expenditures	
Paid A. W. Knight for labor on Knight and Wait cemeteries .....	\$5 00
Stanley Bisbee for paint for Knight cemetery .....	2 00
C. H. Robinson for labor on Knight cemetery .....	10 00
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Total expenditures .....	\$17 00
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Unexpended balance.....	\$9.17

MEMORIAL PURPOSES.

Unexpended balance from 1915.....	\$6 24
Paid H. E. Stillman for flags.....	6 00
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Unexpended balance.....	\$ 24

ON ACCOUNT OF CUTTING WORTHLESS APPLE TREES  
AND BUSHES ON HIGHWAY

Appropriated .....	\$125 00
Unexpended balance from 1915 .....	7 65
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Total appropriation .....	\$132 65
Paid Arthur Childs .....	\$5 00
Walter Cunningham .....	8 00
J. E. Door .....	12 00
Willard Cobb.....	20 00
Emery Cox .....	6 00
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Total expenditures .....	\$51 00
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Unexpended .....	81 65

## ROAD TOOLS

Appropriated .....	\$25 00
Paid Kidder Bros .....	\$17 25
United construction .....	7 00
M. C. R. R. freight .....	1 32
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Expenditures .....	\$25 57
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Overdrawn .....	57

## STATE AID ROAD REPAIRS

Appropriated .....	\$40 00
Paid State for State road repairs .....	40 00

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriated for summer roads.....	\$2,375 00
Expended by Thos. Cunningham, Road Commissioner:	
Paid Lincoln Holt.....	\$ 3 80
Walter Cunningham .....	3 60
B. C. Kidder.....	8 00
C. S. Luce .....	12 00
Ezra Staples .....	16 00
Manley Farrar .....	40 00
Cleston Knox.....	18 00
Melvin Lovejoy .....	21 60
Melvin Knox .....	8 00
Weston Dunton .....	22 90
Roy Whitney .....	22 90
E. B. Knox.....	2 00
Thos. Cunningham .....	38 25
C. S. Luce .....	104 00
Thos. Cunningham .....	50 63
Roy Whitney .....	35 10
Weston Dunton .....	30 60
Melvin Lovejoy .....	14 40
Walter Cunningham .....	26 10
Bert C. Kidder .....	30 00
William H. Cox .....	30 30
Willis Haines .....	4 50
John Oldham.....	6 00
Emery Cox .....	12 60
Roy Harlow .....	2 40
Emerson Oldham.....	24 60
Roy Oldham.....	33 00
Perley K. Childs .....	18 00



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Leonard Hall .....	9 60
Henry Hall .....	1 50
Harry Staples .....	9 51
C. N. Childs .....	2 00
Alfred Glipo .....	2 40
Earl Howard .....	74 25
Manley Farrar .....	14 00
Cleston Knox.....	6 30
A. B. McIntire .....	60
E. G. Child.....	7 25
Charles Frost & Son .....	3 60
Robert Gillespie .....	3 50
Herbert Jordon .....	55 25
Frank Godish .....	6 00
Cleston Knox.....	1 80
Thos. Cunningham .....	59 63
Leonard Hall .....	32 70
Earl Howard.....	109 80
Oscar Delano .....	1 80
John Burgess.....	4 20
Gerald Knox .....	2 40
Maurice Jordon.....	4 00
Lester Child.....	13 50
Maurice Bishop.....	2 40
Roy Whitney.....	39 50
Weston Dunton .....	44 00
Manley Farrar .....	52 00
Nelson Lufkin.....	16 50
E. O. Staples .....	6 50
A. B. Tyler .....	3 60
J. R. Morrill .....	25 90
Kidder Bros. ....	32 70
Mrs. Henry Chase, for housing road machine	3 00
Grafton Gording .....	3 60
Emerson Oldham .....	12 00
W. H. Cox .....	10 80
Herbert Jordon.....	11 20
Walter Cunningham.....	10 80
John Oldham .....	2 00
Emery Cox .....	9 00
Bert Kidder .....	9 80
Roy Oldham.....	10 80
Harry Pinkham.....	32 20
Herbert Lunt .....	5 40
C. S. Luce .....	112 50

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Melvin Lovejoy .....	22 50
Llewellyn Farrar .....	10 80
Lesley Goding.....	3 60
Charles Childs.....	21 55
Arthur Childs .....	35 43
Leonard Hall .....	39 38
Arthur Childs .....	28 00
Weston Dunton .....	36 00
Maurice Jordon .....	5 00
Frank Lamb .....	5 54
Lester Childs .....	1 50
C. S. Luce .....	22 50
Earl Howard .....	4 50
Melvin Lovejoy .....	33 00
Roy Whitney .....	42 00
Harry Pinkham .....	27 00
Manley Farrar .....	4 00
James Irish .....	4 50
Walter Cunningham .....	6 00
Cephus Irish .....	2 00
Farrar Bros .....	40 00
B. D. Packard .....	11 70
W. J. Bryant .....	2 50
John Russell.....	6 40
Thos. Cunningham .....	50 63
Herbert Jordon .....	4 00
W. H. Cox .....	1 80
Emerson Oldham.....	4 00
Emery Cox .....	1 80
Roy Oldham .....	3 60
William Tyler.....	1 80
Charles Andrews .....	22 00
Manley Farrar.....	72 00
E. B. Knox .....	7 00
Merl Knox .....	5 00
Emerson Oldham .....	3 00
John Oldham .....	8 25
Peter Sharland .....	16 00
C. S. Luce .....	40 25
Leonard Hall .....	19 25
Melvin Lovejoy .....	46 00
Leighton Knight .....	9 60
Cephus Irish .....	7 00
Walter Cunningham .....	27 00

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Arthur Childs .....	54 00
Harry Pinkham .....	8 00
Thos. Cunningham .....	63 00
Weston Dunton .....	49 00
A. G. Walker .....	1 00
State Treasurer, for patrolman .....	346 94
Thos. Cunningham .....	7 88
Walter Cunningham .....	9 66
Weston Dunton .....	1 00
Arthur Childs .....	9 00
Melvin Lovejoy .....	3 00
Leonard Hall .....	3 13
Manley Farrar .....	6 00
Bert Kidder .....	9 52
Kidder Bros. ....	76 24
J. E. Dow .....	13 40
E. S. Newton .....	3 85
M. H. Oldham .....	31 16
George Rowe .....	2 85
Roy Whitney .....	14 50
Benj. Lovejoy .....	1 60
Emerson Oldham .....	4 00
A. L. Harlow .....	9 49
Nelson Lufkin .....	2 00
Elwin C. Knox .....	2 00
Putnam & Wiken .....	2 87
Ernest Andrews .....	3 00
Alton L. Lovejoy .....	20 00
E. L. Knox .....	27 90
E. G. Child .....	4 38
A. B. McIntire .....	1 00
A. C. Hammond .....	4 50
C. J. Tracy .....	70
H. R. Robinson & Son .....	2 80
H. R. Robinson & Son for use of water tub .....	5 00
E. S. Demeritt for use of water tub.....	5 00
J. C. Wyman for use of water tub.....	5 00
W. H. Phinney for use of water tub .....	3 00
James Irish for use of water tub .....	3 00
J. E. Conant for use of water tub .....	3 00
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Total expenditures .....	\$3,052 57
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Overdrawn .....	\$677 57

## SNOW BILLS FOR 1916 AND 1917.

Appropriated .....	\$200 00
Unexpended balance from 1916.....	357 52

Total amount available .....	\$557 52
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Paid Manley Farrar .....	\$ 3 75
Charles Frost & Son .....	13 00
W. S. Hotham .....	12 80
J. W. Miller .....	16 83
Sylvester Searles .....	4 50
L. K. Lovejoy .....	8 00
R. B. Lane .....	6 46
L. H. Davenport .....	1 20
J. C. Oldham .....	4 15
Kidder Bros .....	3 50
W. E. Tyler .....	80
E. G. Child .....	5 25
E. Cox .....	2 60
M. H. Babb .....	2 40
Cleston Knox .....	4 00
E. W. Knox .....	9 00
Will Gillespie .....	2 00
W. S. Hotham .....	22 50
E. P. Burgess .....	1 40
E. B. Fletcher .....	14 00
Arthur McFee .....	6 70
E. S. Demeritt .....	1 50
Robert Gillespie .....	3 75
Benjamin Lovejoy .....	60
Veau Lord .....	2 00
Willard Cobb .....	7 60
Willis Haines .....	3 80
Herbert Lunt .....	1 00
Lewis DeLano .....	2 50
Charles Frost & Son .....	15 70
Peter Sharland .....	7 90
J. C. Oldham .....	10 70
Sylvester Searles .....	6 95
J. W. Miller .....	20 45
A. W. Knight .....	5 48
Oscar Putnam .....	5 50
D. W. Oldham .....	3 15
Walter Knox .....	6 60

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Will Knox .....	10 40
Clyde C. Burgess .....	3 40
Osborn Burgess .....	2 80
O. R. DeLano .....	3 80
John Burgess .....	1 35
E. B. Knox .....	8 00
Orman J. Chase .....	10 50
Ralph B. Lane .....	3 40
Thos. Cunningham .....	25 12
V. W. Farrar .....	4 80
Perley K. Child .....	35 00
A. C. Hammond .....	3 40
C. H. Robinson .....	10 10
F. F. Burgess .....	2 00
E. M. Gammon .....	2 20
Emerson Oldham .....	7 20
Peter C. Sharland .....	1 80
J. G. & R. J. Tyler.....	41 71
A. B. Tyler .....	1 80
Elwin C. Knox .....	1 30
Herman Fuller .....	5 00
A. B. McIntire .....	1 70
Ernest Andrews .....	3 15
Sewall Staples .....	11 10
J. R. Morrill .....	10 35
Nelson Lufkin .....	13 75
B. D. Packard .....	6 55
Walter Knox .....	2 00
Charles Frost & Son .....	8 15
Manley Farrar .....	6 00
Leroy Pinkham .....	2 00
Clinton Porter .....	3 40
Oscar Putnam .....	6 25
Wyman Hotham .....	29 50
John Burgess .....	11 55
Osborn Burgess .....	5 00
Simeon Morrill .....	7 00
Sidney Goggin .....	6 20
Lewis Delano .....	1 40
E. G. Child .....	3 00
J. E. Dow .....	13 10
E. W. Knox .....	11 20
Elmer Knox Jr .....	3 60
Charles Andrews .....	10 25

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Milo G. Morrill .....	2 40
Cleston Knox .....	6 80
A. C. Hammond .....	4 25
C. J. Tracy .....	80
A. S. Holman .....	14 10
P. C. Sharland .....	13 95
E. P. Burgess.....	6 20
E. B. Knox .....	13 45
John Russell .....	6 60
H. R. Robinson & Son .....	15 80
A. B. McIn'ire.....	5 42
D. W. Oldham .....	7 20
E. M. Gammon .....	12 30
M. H. Babb.....	16 00
O. T. Woodbury.....	2 00
Leroy Pinkham.....	2 80
A. W. Knight .....	11 45
J. W. Miller .....	46 00
Thos. Cunningham .....	38 84
Ralph B. Lane.....	10 69
Chas Frost & Son .....	27 75
E. B. Fletcher .....	6 40
Walter Knox .....	5 00
O. R. Delano .....	13 40
N. S. Bishop .....	6 10
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Total expenditures.....	\$912 00
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Overdrawn .....	\$354 48

## STATE ROAD ACCOUNT.

Appropriated .....	\$533 00
Received from State .....	<hr/>
Total amount available .....	

## Expenditures

Paid Thos. Cunningham .....	\$ 1 95
Stanley Bisbee .....	5 00
Benjamin Lovejoy .....	18 00
E. B. Knox .....	42 00
Arthur Pingree .....	21 75
Nelson Lufkin .....	31 00
John Frost .....	30 00



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Melvin Lovejoy .....	29 00
Manley Farrar .....	78 75
Emerson Oldham .....	37 00
Arthur Child .....	39 00
Thos. Cunningham .....	43 87
North East Metal Culvert Co.....	42 25
James Kerr for cement .....	8 10
Emerson Oldham .....	44 00
Arthur Child .....	36 00
Melvin Lovejoy .....	46 00
John Frost.....	15 00
Nelson Lufkin .....	44 00
Manley Farrar .....	103 50
Arthur Pingree .....	14 25
Benjamin Lovejoy .....	23 00
E. B. Knox .....	44 00
H. C. Lord .....	39 00
Shirley Widber .....	62 00
Thos. Cunningham .....	54 00
Kidder Bros .....	59 33
E. S. Demeritt .....	14 80
Melvin Knox.....	21 00
E. S. Newton.....	8 20
Inspector for surveying and inspecting...	10 25

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Total expenditures .....\$1,066 00

#### NEW BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Appropriated .....\$600 00  
 Unexpended balance from 1915..... 128 66

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Total amount available.....\$728 66

#### Expenditures

Paid Sanders Engineering Co.....\$728 00

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Unexpended balance.....66

#### MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES.

Appropriated .....\$300 00  
 Unexpended balance from 1915..... 52 00

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Total amount available .....\$352 00

## Expenditures

Paid F. W. Sanborn for printing 1915 town report .....	\$32 00
M. C. R. R. Co. for protecting of telegraph wires on account of blasting on state road during Oct., 1915.....	94
Loring, Short & Harmon for town books for selectmen town clerk and road commissioner .....	24 50
Dr. J. S. Sturtevant for examinations of Nellie Andrews .....	7 00
Dr. W. M. Pease for examination of Nellie Andrews .....	7 00
A. F. Carter and wife for attendance on Nellie Andrews .....	10 00
Henry W. Plummer for burial expenses of Nellie Andrews .....	33 00
Augusta state hospital for board of Nellie Andrews .....	10 92
I. C. Kidder for services with automobile committing Nellie Andrews to insane hospital .....	19 00
Bisbee & Parker for legal advice on E. C. Irish tax case .....	17 00
Joanna Wing for burial expenses of Samuel Wing .....	35 00
Ralph B. Lane for labor on town farm buildings .....	5 00
Thos. Newman for labor on town farm buildings .....	5 00
Kidder Bros. for grass seed, wall paper. etc., for town farm .....	14 14
A. B. McIntire for labor repairing town farm buildings .....	7 00
Dick Gill for underpinning for town farm buildings .....	2 00
Fred Weld for one half value of horse drowned at Peru ferry .....	75 00
E. S. Newton for chemicals and labor fumigating East Peru school room..	6 00
Kidder Bros. for shingles and roofing for town farm buildings .....	19 25
Fairbanks Scale Co. for supplies for sealer of weights and measures .....	4 47



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E. S. Newton for chemicals for disinfecting .....	2 00
Addison Herrick for one-half expense of commission to reestablish the Peru and Sumner town line.....	141 27
P. M. Cooper for incidentals for superintendent of schools .....	12 67
Refunded to the Dixfield Bridge Co. for the illegal taxes of 1914 and 15, ....	356 08
Dr. J. S. Sturtevant for recording births and deaths .....	2 75
J. S. Sturtevant for professional services rendered the E. Peru scholars per order of the school board and board of health .....	5 00
Dr. J. S. Sturtevant for recording births and deaths .....	75
Bisbee and Parker for attorney fees on Peru and Sumner town line .....	121 49
A. S. Holman witness fees on Peru and Sumner town line .....	10 00
Town of Dixfield for half expense of Peru ferry .....	17 27
Kidder Bros. for repairs on ballot box and voting booths .....	55
Howard Turner for incidentals for town clerk .....	2 00
O. O. Tracy for witness fees on Peru and Sumner town line .....	6 00
H. R. Robinson for incidentals for town treasurer .....	3 60
H. R. Robinson for repairs on town hall .....	1 30
C. H. Robinson for use of auto measuring town roads, conveying witnesses to Paris on town line case and car fare and horse hire.....	16 00
A. B. McIntire for Postage, telephoning car fare and horse hire .....	5 48

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Total expenditures .....\$1,038 42

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Rec'd from State burial expenses of Samuel

Wing ..... \$35 00

Chas. Andrews on the Nellie Andrews case 86 92

from E. C. Irish, reimbursement for at-

torney fees on his 1914 tax ..... 17 00

\$138 92

Overdrawn .....\$899 50

### ABATEMENTS.

Abated on tax bills of 1915:

Eugene Knight, unable to locate .....\$ 2 00

Charles Murphy, unable to locate ..... 3 26

Harry Shannon, unable to locate ..... 9 56

Abated on tax bills of 1916 .....

Dixfield Bridge Co., illegal..... 196 00

Fred Cunningham, paid in Woodstock..... 2 00

Walter Cunningham, paid in Woodstock ..... 2 00

George Darington, unable to locate..... 2 00

Stevens Austin, unable to locate ..... 2 00

Fred Johnson, unable to pay..... 2 56

George Snell, illegal ..... 2 00

Total abatements .....\$223 32

Delinquent tax payers:

Pliny Wing ..... 2 00

Irving Wing ..... 1 54

York Alton ..... 2 00

Ames George C. .... 3 50

Total .....\$9 04

### TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

Appropriated .....\$600 00

Unexpended balance from 1915 ..... 32 45

Received from E. S. Irish on Selectmen's bill.. 9 00

Total amount available .....\$641 45

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Paid A. B. McIntire, selectman .....	\$131 50
C. H. Robinson, selectman .....	77 00
E. G. Child, selectman .....	56 00
Howard Turner, clerk .....	35 00
H. R. Robinson, treasurer.....	50 00
O. L. Knight, tax collector .....	129 03
Benjamin Lovejoy, member of school board	10 50
Chas. N. Child, member of school board...	6 00
I. C. Kidder, member of school board ...	-----
Bertha L. Goggin, supt. of schools .....	100 00
P. M. Cooper, supt. of schools .....	39 99
E. S. Newton, member board of health..	6 50
E. G. Child, member board of health ...	1 00
W. B. Kidder member board of health	-----
E. S. Newton, sealer of weights and measures .....	-----
A. S. Holman, ballot clerk.....	6 00
H. R. Robinson, ballot clerk .....	6 00
W. B. Kidder, fire warden .....	-----
E. S. Newton, truant officer.....	1 00
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Total expenditures .....	\$655 52
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Overdrawn .....	\$14 07

# Treasurer's Report

H. R. Robinson, Treasurer.

DR.

To cash on hand, Feb. 8, 1916.....	\$3,812 20
Tax deeds on hand.....	307 97
Poll taxes for 1916.....	448 00
Tax bills of 1916.....	8,787 24
Supplementary taxes for 1916.....	198 90
Due on H. E. Stillman's tax bills of 1915.....	26 67
Tuition from town of Hartford.....	11 00
Received from County Treasurer on account of examination of J. P. York's eyes.....	2 00
Town of Paris on pauper case.....	8 98
Interest on bank certificate.....	3 33
Interest on tax deeds of F. L. Bean.....	41
Town Clerk on account of dog licenses.....	64 00
Interest on bank certificate.....	18 83
From town clerk on account dog licenses.....	44 00
Money hired by town at bank.....	1,000 00
Interest on bank certificate.....	8 94
A. B. McIntire for rent of town farm.....	75 00
Town Clerk on account of dog licenses.....	1 00
Town of Bethel on account of pauper acc't.....	28 06
From Charles Andrews on the Nellie Andrews case.....	86 92
State, burial expenses of Samuel Wing.....	35 00
State, on acc't. of State pensions.....	42 00
E. C. Irish, interest on tax deeds.....	10 90
State Equalization fund .....	300 00
State, on acc't. of State pensions.....	24 00
State, on acc't. free high school.....	326 67
State, improvement of State road.....	522 75
State, dog licenses refunded.....	48 68
State R. R. and telephone tax.....	06

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State, school and mill tax.....	734 98
State common school fund.....	590 84
Town of Woodstock on pauper bills.....	30 00
State on acc't. State pensions.....	24 00
A. B. McIntire, due on rent of town farm for the year 1915.....	28 50
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Total .....	\$17,677 83

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By Payment State pension Maria Gammon.....	\$ 9 00
Esta J. Gordon.....	9 00
Joanna L. Wing.....	6 00
Esta J. Gordon.....	9 00
Joanna L. Wing.....	6.00
Maria Gammon .....	9 00
Maria Gammon .....	9 00
Esta J. Jordan.....	9 00
County tax .....	357 29
Town note and interest at bank.....	1,025 00
State pension, Maria Gammon.....	9 00
Esta J. Gordon.....	9 00
Joanna Wing .....	6 00
State tax.....	1,626 27
Orders and receipts turned over.....	12,191 52
Paid State dog licenses.....	109 00
Tax deeds on hand.....	190 15
Due on tax bills of 1916.....	9 04
Cash on hand .....	2,079 56
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Total .....	\$17,677 83



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FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN, FEB. 12, 1917

## Resources

Cash in hands of treasurer.....	\$2,079 56	
Tax deeds on hand.....	190 15	
Due On tax bills of 1916.....	9 04	
From B. C. Kidder for cemetery lot.....	10 00	
From town of Paris on pauper account..	5 00	
On Hermon Cotton, pauper account.....	12 00	
From A. B. McIntire for personal property sold .....	20 00	
From town farm.....	700 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,025 75

## Liabilities

Outstanding orders.....	\$928 31	
Due the schools.....	63 86	
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Total liabilities.....		\$992 17
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Resources over liabilities.....		\$2,033 58

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. McINTIRE,  
C. H. ROBINSON,  
E. G. CHILD,

Selectmen of Peru.

# Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

It is my pleasure to submit for your consideration my first annual report as superintendent of the Public Schools of Peru. I shall make four divisions of the report which are as follows: Attendance, Condition of Schools, Condition of Buildings and Finances.

## ATTENDANCE

With few exceptions pupils have attended very regularly. The exceptions have, however, caused the percentage of attendance to be lower than I desire. It is 89.6%. We should be able to show a per cent of about 95. Remembering that this is caused by a few pupils being absent a large part of the time let us consider the causes. There are but two causes worthy of consideration which are sickness and carelessness on the part of the parent.

Sickness is the only excusable reason for absence and later in this report I wish to emphasize the duty of the town in regard to making the conditions of the school buildings of a better sanitary nature and thereby remove any cause of pupils contracting disease while at school.

The second and prime reason for absence may be placed at the door of the parents who may for some trivial reason consider the school a failure or allow the child to remain at home because it does not want to go to school on certain days or perhaps for the selfish reason of obtaining the labor of the child and deprive it of educational advantages. To be sure there are specific laws relating to the above, but there is usually some way to avoid it, or we as school officials dislike to cause trouble and so truancy is all too prevalent.

The town has expended for the maintenance of its common schools \$3,867.09. If every pupil registered had attended every day it would have cost \$30.94 per pupil. The attendance was 89.6%, hence it cost \$34.63 per pupil. Too much stress should not be placed on the economical side. There is another fact of much greater importance, and that is the work lost and most always not made up in a satisfactory manner. Suppose a pupil is absent a week and some import-



ant work has been done in number during the week, the pupil returns Monday morning, knows nothing of the work covered and the teacher must use time belonging to the other pupils in order to make it possible for one to go on with the work. Parents this is largely up to you who are supporting the schools. See to it that you get your money's worth and that your boy gets his share of the time.

If it is my duty to superintend your schools next year I shall introduce competitive attendance and offer some prize for the school showing the best percent of attendance and endeavor to create a desire in every pupil to place his school first.

### CONDITION OF SCHOOLS

Only two schools can be mentioned which have not been satisfactory during the fall term. One at Dickvale and the other at the Pond. In one if not both of these schools the pupils were taught well and made good progress, but community spirit in at least one of these cases resulted in replacing the teachers by others, who should give entire satisfaction if the people will cooperate. I thoroughly believe that Miss Lane, who taught at Dickvale, is a good teacher and will be successful in some other place. The cause of her dismissal was lack of discipline although she tried hard in her way to conduct an orderly school. I consider the parents more than half at fault in this case. I was taught that punishment at school meant reprimanding at home and I believe that this should be the attitude of the parent. It has never yet failed that if parents listen encouragingly to childish complaints and criticise of the teacher in the presence of children, that trouble results. I want to appeal to the parents to discourage their children from bringing complaints, which are often misrepresented, home. Inform yourselves as to the conditions and you will often find that the teacher is in the right. No teacher will allow your child to be harmed while in her care or will do injury to it herself. Remember that the child is the teacher's while at school and if punishment is inflicted that it was very likely necessary and that the teacher has as much right to punish as you have while the child is at home.

I found the schools well organized, graded and fairly well equipped, which condition reflects very highly to the credit of Miss Goggin, my predecessor.

Few changes will have to be made in text books for the coming year. Arithmetics are badly worn and in most instances will have to be replaced. Some additions will be needed in reading books and the course in physiology is not as good as it should be. The geographies now being used are worn badly and should be replaced by a more up-to-date book.

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CONDITION OF BUILDINGS

In nearly all instances the school rooms are in very good condition and average much better than those of many towns, but some improvements should be made in order to fulfill the requisites for a successful school. I wish to suggest a few improvements.

1. Floors need to be covered or oiled, with some material to prevent a cloud of dust from rising when pupils pass and when the floor is being swept.

2. The best of modern rural schools have a method of combined heating and ventilating. Much stress is being placed on this feature by the state department. I trust that you may see fit to ask for sufficient appropriation to install at least one such system. It is very possible that the state through the Equalization Fund will assist in this work.

3. This last suggestion is by no means last in importance. It is in regard to out-buildings. If you are not familiar with the condition of these buildings at the present time I ask that you visit one before next summer. Parents should rise in open revolt over the conditions of these buildings in all of our rural communities.

To begin with all closets should be connected to the school room by a covered passage and this should be the only means of access. Although Chemical Closets cost what may seem considerable, there is no doubt that some way of improving sanitary conditions must be found. I am sure that if parents could see conditions before and after these closets were installed they would express their hearty approval as has been the case in hundreds of places. Please consider this matter and install one such closet as a trial. No odor, no flies, A CLEAN CLOSET and greater interest in the school will result.

## FINANCES

I wish to express my pleasure in being able to give such a good report on finances. Peru is the only town in the district where I have been able to see the possibility of asking for the needed things. The fact that the town has raised money enough to run its school without overdrawing the accounts is very commendable and it is also good business as shown by the fact that the town drew from the Equalization Fund \$350.00 while the other two towns did not receive anything from that fund. I trust that the town will continue to finance the school department in this manner.

It will be noticed from the financial statement which follows that the balance on the common school account is not as large as last year. The chief reason for this is that several accounts were paid

soon after the books were opened and were due late last year. The teachers are paid up to the date of closing the books and there are a very few small bills which have not as yet been rendered. One other reason for the smaller balance is due to the census falling slightly and there was received about \$100 less than last year on the common school and mill fund.

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

### COMMON SCHOOLS

Appropriation .....	\$1,300 00
Balance 1916 .....	640 39
Com. school fund .....	590 84
School and mill fund.....	734 98
Equalization fund .....	225 00
Int. on land fund .....	34 38

Total Available Funds .....\$3,525 59

#### Expenditures:

Teachers' salaries .....	\$2,908 30
Conveyance .....	300 00
Board of pupils .....	30 00
Janitor service .....	47 58
Fuel .....	175 85

Total expended .....\$3,461 73

Unexpended balance .....\$63 86

### EXPENDED FOR FUEL

James Miller .....	\$20 00
B. L. Goggin .....	2 00
A. M. Curtis .....	32 00
Wilbur Irish .....	75
C. S. Luce .....	25 00
John Frost .....	6 00
C. S. Luce .....	25 00
Ralph Knight .....	2 00
H. R. Robinson & Son.....	3 00
Shirley Widber .....	8 50
E. L. Knox .....	44 00
Fred Russell .....	1 25
Merton Bessey, Jr.....	50

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Ralph Smith .....	75
Charley Porter .....	50
P. M. Cooper.....	3 50
Elmer Knox .....	2 60
Chas. Childs .....	2 50
Howard Turner .....	1 00

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Total .....\$175 85

### HIGH SCHOOL

Balance 1916 .....	\$128 38
Appropriated .....	150 00
Rec'd from State.....	326 67

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Total .....\$605 05

### Expended

Canton High School.....	\$ 20 00
Dixfield High School .....	470 00

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Total .....\$490 00

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Unexpended balance .....\$115 05

I am unable to itemize the Canton Tuition.      \$20 00

Dixfield High School:

Ariel DeMerrit, 3 terms at \$10.00.....	\$30 00
Merton Brackett, 3 terms at \$10.00.....	30 00
Elwin Childs, 3 terms at \$10 00.....	30 00
Leighton Knight, 1 term at \$10.00.....	10 00
Verna McIntire, 3 terms at \$10.00.....	30 00
Helen Pinkham, 3 terms at \$10.00.....	30 00
Carl Smith, 1 term at \$10.00.....	10 00
Louis Delano, 3 terms at \$10.00.....	30 00
Richard Smith, 2 terms at \$10.00.....	20 00
Isaac Searles, 3 terms at \$10.00.....	30 00
Winnie Braley, 3 terms at \$10.00.....	30 00
Mary Gordon, 3 terms at \$10.00.....	30 00
Hayden Child, 2 terms at \$10.00.....	20 00
Hazel Curtis, 3 terms at \$10.00.....	30 00
Mabel Knight, 1 term at \$10.00.....	10 00
Minnie Hildreth, 1 term at \$10.00.....	10 00

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Robert Hildreth, 1 term at \$10.00.....	10 00
William Austin, 1 term at \$10.00.....	10 00
Robert Chase, 1 term at \$10.00.....	10 00
Jennie Gordon, 2 terms at \$10.00.....	20 00
Ethelyn Kidder, 1 term at \$10.00.....	10 00
Ralph Knight, 1 term at \$10.00.....	10 00
Margaret Smith, 1 term at \$10.00.....	10 00
Malcolm Wood, 1 term at \$10.00.....	10 00

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Total .....\$490 00

Tuition pending:

Leon Allen, 3 terms .....	\$30 00
Ray Burgess, 3 terms .....	30 00

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Total .....\$60 00

### BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Balance 1916.....	\$ 51 08
Appropriated .....	150 00

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Total .....\$201 08

Expended .....\$145 01

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Unexpended balance.....\$56 07

### EXPENDED FOR TEXT BOOKS

American Book Co.....	\$38 51
D. H. Knowlton.....	80
Ginn & Co.....	4 20

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Total .....\$43 51

### EXPENDED FOR SUPPLIES

C. A. Luce.....	\$ 4 05
Edward E. Babb & Co.....	5 88
Holt Bro's.....	2 75
B. L. Goggin.....	1 67
Ida P. Brown.....	2 50
J. L. Hammett Co.....	51 56



E. W. A. Rowles.....	7 46
Milton Bradley Co.....	24 48
Marion Waterhouse.....	1 15

Total .....	\$101 50
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## REPAIRS

Overdrawn, 1916.....	\$23 93
Appropriated .....	\$100 00
Equalization Fund.....	75 00
	<u>\$175 00</u>

Available .....	\$151 07
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## EXPENDED

Victor Eastman.....	\$ 1 00
Herbert Lunt.....	1 00
H. R. Robinson & Son.....	1 00
S. E. Kidder.....	2 50
Chas. Childs.....	7 25
B. S. Austin.....	15 00
Chas. Childs.....	17 20
S. E. Kidder.....	4 00
Gorden Bro's.....	53 93
Melvin Bishop.....	1 75
W. G. Harlow.....	3 00
Perley Childs.....	1 00
Chas. Lane.....	2 50
Mary Goggin.....	14 00
Lottie Hammond.....	2 50

	<u>\$127 63</u>
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Unexpended balance.....	\$23 44
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Repairs on East Peru school house included in total expended..	\$86 13
Equalization fund included in available funds.....	75 00

## SUPERINTENDENT'S INCIDENTALS

B. L. Goggin.....	\$ 4 08
P. M. Cooper, stationery, postage, freight, and tele- phone .....	12 66

Total .....	\$16 74
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## SUPERINTENDENCY

Appropriated .....\$100 00

Balance Feb. 11, 1916..... 50 00

Amount available.....\$150 00

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

P. M. Cooper ..... 39 99

Total .....\$139 99

Balance .....\$10 01

## STATISTICS -- FINANCIAL

School	Term	No. of Weeks	Teachers	Salary per Week	Janitor Service	Conveyance
Pond ..	{ Spring..	11	Florence Packard.....	\$10.00	\$1.50	\$6. 50
	{ Fall. ..	14	Elizabeth Hanscom.....	9.00	2.50	77.00
	{ Winter..	12	Carrie B. Stover.....	10.00	3.00	78.00
East ..	{ Spring..	13	Ida Phillips Brown.....	9.00	1.50	
	{ Fall. ..	13	" " " .....	9.00	2.50	
	{ Winter..	12	" " " .....	9.00	3.00	
Center..	{ Spring ..	11	Mary Richardson.....	10.00	1.50	
	{ Fall. ...	14	Clara Harlow.....	10.00	2.50	
	{ Winter..		" " .....	11.00	3.00	
Highland	{ Spring..	11	Geneva Wentworth....	9.50	1.50	
	{ Fall. ..	14	Angie Blaisdell.....	9.00	2.50	
	{ Winter..	12	Angie Blaisdell.....	9.00	3.00	
Union...	{ Spring..	11	Maude Johnston.....	9.00	1.50	
	{ Fall. ...	14	Marion Waterhouse.....	9.00	2.50	
	{ Winter..	12	Marion Waterhouse.....	9.00	3.00	
Dickvale	{ Spring..	11	Ava Philbrick.....	9.00	1.50	
	{ Fall. ..	14	Beulah Lane.....	9.00	2.50	
	{ Winter..	12	Carroll Hilton.....	10.00	3.00	
Primary.	{ Spring..	11	Laura Long.....	10.00	1.50	15.00
	{ Fall....	14	Annie Rounds.....	10.00	2.50	30.00
	{ Winter..	12	" " .....	10.00	3.00	

## STATISTICS-ATTENDANCE, ETC.

School	Term	No. of Weeks	No. Registered	Average Attendance	No. Tardy	No. Dismissed	Not Absent	No. Recitations	No. Visitors	Visits of Supt.	No. Conveyed
Pond . . . . .	{ Winter . . . . .	11	23	20.7	3	1	6	36	29	2	6
	{ Spring . . . . .	11	22	21.6	8	2	16	36	9	2	6
	{ Fall . . . . .	14	21	17	0	0	6	26	0	6	6
East. . . . .	{ Winter . . . . .	12	11	9.4	1	1	4	26	0	3	0
	{ Spring . . . . .	13	14	9.9	48	53	4	24	21	2	0
	{ Fall . . . . .	14	16	11.9	0	1	2	29	15	7	0
Center. . . . .	{ Winter . . . . .	12	18	15.6	95	8	0	32	4	3	0
	{ Spring . . . . .	11	19	16.4	37	13	2	32	5	2	0
	{ Fall . . . . .	14	21	19.3	4	0	6	32	9	5	0
Highland . . . . .	{ Winter.. . . .	12	12	10.7	0	0	1	30	1	2	0
	{ Spring... . .	11	13	11.5	0	0	1	29	1	2	0
	{ Fall . . . . .	14	10	9.8	18	0	2	33	3	8	0
Union . . . . .	{ Winter . . . . .	12	10	7.3	5	4	2	28	6	2	0
	{ Spring . . . . .	11	14	11.2	7	7	2	35	3	2	0
	{ Fall . . . . .	14	15	13.2	8	7	2	27	1	7	0
Dickvale . . . . .	{ Winter . . . . .	12	11	9.3	4	0	3	34	3	2	0
	{ Spring . . . . .	11	13	10	4	0	3	33	5	2	0
	{ Fall . . . . .	14	13	11.8	44	3	2	33	5	9	0
Primary . . . . .	{ Winter . . . . .	12	18	13.7	16	0	1	22	1	2	2
	{ Spring.. . . .	11	20	18.3	8	0	3	22	2	2	1
	{ Fall . . . . .	14	21	20.7	0	1	15	13	16	8	1
Grammar . . . . .	{ Winter . . . . .	11	16	13.7	6	8	3	20	7		0
	{ Spring . . . . .	11	14	12.7	8	20	4	20	47		0
	{ Fall . . . . .	14	9	8.8	8	7	3	18	0	9	0

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Common Schools . . . . .	\$1,300 00
Tuition . . . . .	200 00
Books and Supplies . . . . .	175 00
Repairs . . . . .	250 00
Superintendent's salary . . . . .	80 00



# Vital Statistics

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## BIRTHS RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK

Not reported for 1915

Oct. 28, to the wife of Geo. Stevens, a daughter.

Dec. 13, to the wife of Ray J. Tyler, a son.

For the Year Ending Feb. 1st, 1917

1916

Feb. 6, to the wife of C. Herbert Widber, a daughter.

May 21, to the wife of Harry L. Lovejoy, a daughter.

June 21, to the wife of Joseph A. Arnold, a son.

Aug. 20, to the wife of Benj. J. Roberts, a son.

Oct. 9, to the wife of Alphonso G. Walker, a son.

Oct. 10, to the wife of Perley K. Child, a son.

Oct. 26, to the wife of Sidney C. Goggin, a daughter.

Dec. 26, to the wife of Ormond Chase, a daughter.

Dec. 29, to the wife of I. C. Kidder, a daughter.

## MARRIAGES RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK

For the Year Ending Feb. 1st, 1917

1916

Mar. 11, at Peru, by Howard Turner, Mr. Chas. A. Newton to Miss Mildred E. Walker, both of Peru.

June 14, at Rumford, by Rev. Frederick F. Foskey, Mr. Merton O. Walker of Peru, to Mrs. Sarah K. Webber of Rumford.

June 29, at Lunenburg, Vt., by Rev. Albert Gregory, Mr. Frank E. Irish of Peru, to Miss Ruby Mahar of Pembroke, Me.

July 11, at Rumford, by Jas. B. Stevenson, Mr. Alvin C. Doten, formerly of Turner, to Mrs. Laura E. Aldrich of Peru.

July 15, at Dixfield, by Rev. Ransom E. Gilkey, Mr. Gerald A. Knox to Miss Hattie M. Putnam, both of Peru.

Sept. 5, at Peru, by Howard Turner, Mr. Gerald Tracy of Peru, to Miss Esther L. Magoon of Carthage.

Oct. 22, at Peru, by Rev. John S. Warren, Mr. Harold Partenheim-er of New York City, to Miss Mary Stanwood of Rumford.

Dec. 2, at Turner, by Rev. Maurice Dunbar, Mr. Carroll L. Robinson of Peru, to Miss Emily A. Sawyer of Turner.

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DEATHS RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK

For year ending Feb. 1, 1917.

1916.

Feb. 20, Joshua R. Knox, 72 years, 2 months, 6 days.

Mar. 5, Samuel F. Wing, 79 years, 13 days.

Mar. 15, At Fall River, Mass., Miss Clarissa A. Ho'mes, 89 years, 1 month, 13 days.

May 30, Mrs. Sabra W. Robinson, 90 years, 3 months, 9 days.

July 18, At Dixfield, Hiram Oldham, 87 years, 6 months, 25 days.

Aug. 6, Daniel Fletcher, 84 years, 9 months, 21 days.

Sept. 15, Mrs. Abbie F. Wyman, 70 years, 9 months, 28 days.

Nov. 9, At Chesterville, Mrs. Carrie E. Burgess, 54 years, 5 months 11 days.

Dec. 4, Mrs. Emogene M. Bishop, 73 years, 3 months, 26 days.

Dec. 28, Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton, 89 years, 9 months, 12 days.

Dec. 30, Fred A. Johnson, 9 years, 6 months, 24 days.

1917.

Jan. 14, At Abington, Mass., Mrs. Matilda K. Wyman, 80 years, 5 months, 26 days.

Jan. 26, Sewall Staples, 72 years, 3 months, 25 days.

HOWARD TURNER, Town Clerk.