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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF PERU

FOR THE

Year Ending February 12

1918



1918
Advertiser Print
Norway, Maine



Town Officers

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

C. H. ROBINSON

E. G. CHILD

E. B. KNOX

Clerk

HOWARD TURNER

Treasurer

H. R. ROBINSON

Collector of Taxes and Constable

OSROE L. KNIGHT

Superintendent of Schools

PARKER M. COOPER

Superintending School Committee

CHARLES N. CHILD

I. C. KIDDER

DR. A. L. STANWOOD

Truant Officer

THOMAS CUNNINGHAM

Board of Health

W. B. KIDDER

E. S. NEWTON

E. G. CHILD

Sealer of Weights and Measures

E. S. NEWTON

Sextons

A. W. KNIGHT

O. O. TRACY

M. T. DeSHON

Fire Warden

W. B. KIDDER

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

WILMER KIDDER

W. J. BRYANT

J. C. WYMAN

F. A. LAMB

86749

Report of the Selectmen

The Selectmen of the Town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 12, 1918.

VALUATION

Real estate, resident.....	\$184,017 00
Real estate, non resident.....	65,045 00
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Total real estate.....	\$249,062 00
Personal estate, resident.....	\$60,976 00
Personal estate, non resident.....	9,761 00
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Total personal estate.....	\$70,737 00
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Total valuation.....	\$319,799 00
Valuation of land.....	\$131,413 00
Valuation of buildings.....	117,649 00

LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses	195	\$109 84	\$21,420 00
Colts, 3 to 4 yrs. old.....	13	103 84	1,565 00
Colts, 2 to 3 yrs.....	7	78 57	550 00
Colts, under 2 yrs.....	12	47 50	570 00
Cows	446	33 49	14,939 00
Oxen	11	77 72	855 00
3-year-olds	126	32 69	4,121 00
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Total value			\$44,020 00

 ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade.....	\$9,000 00
Logs and lumber.....	6,472 00
Wood and bark.....	735 00
Small boats	175 00
Carriages, 20.....	520 00
Automobiles, 17	4,335 00
Musical instruments, 32.....	3,175 00
Portable mill, 1.....	1,000 00
Gas engines.....	555 00
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Total amount of personal estate.....	\$25,967 00
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Total amount of personal estate and live stock.....	\$69,987 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

State tax.....	\$1,912 95
County tax.....	541 37
For summer roads.....	3,000 00
For winter roads.....	500 00
For State aid road.....	533 00
For repairs on State aid road.....	40 00
For support of common schools.....	1,300 00
High school tuition.....	200 00
Text books and supplies.....	125 00
Repairs on school houses.....	150 00
Interest on school fund.....	34 38
Support of poor.....	400 00
Town officers' bills.....	600 00
Miscellaneous town charges.....	300 00
Superintendent of schools salary.....	80 00
Construction of Ferry boat.....	200 00
Memorial purposes	6 00
Overlay	111 27
Supplementary	46 50
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Total amt. committed to collector.....	\$10,080 47

Number of polls taxed, 220.

Number of polls not taxed, 22.

Poll tax, \$2.00.

Rate of taxation, .03.

Sold Town Farm to A. B. McIntire for.....\$1,400 00

 POOR ACCOUNT

Appropriated	\$400 00
Paid A. B. McIntire for board and care of Horace Clark.....	\$260 00
Thomas Cunningham for keeping tramp..	1 50
James M. Sturtevant, M. D., for medical attendance on Herbert Bowker.....	21 00
E. G. Child for supplies and care of Her- bert Bowker.....	42 56
Town of Leeds, for supplies furnished F. J. Wing and family.....	99 17
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Total expenditures.....	\$424 23
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Overdrawn	\$24 23

POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS

Paid Josephine Estes for board and care of Jennie Smith.....	\$10 00
C. A. Lane, for supplies furnished Jen- nie Smith.....	3 25
Dr. A. L. Stanwood, for medical atten- dance on Jennie Smith.....	6 00
S. N. Knox, for milk for Jennie Smith...	96
Dr. R. W. Bicknell, for medical attendance on Margaret McCarty.....	23 00
W. M. Pease for attendance on Jennie Smith's child.....	10 00
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Total expenditure.....	\$53 21
Due from Lewiston.....	\$23 00
Due from Jennie Smith's account.....	30 21
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	\$53 21

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Unexpended balance from 1917.....	\$50 43
Paid M. T. DeShon for care of East Peru and Worthley Pond cemeteries.....	\$14 00
O. O. Tracy for Dickvale and Cotes ceme- tery	7 42

Paid E. G. Child for care of Franklin Annex cemetery	1 50	
A. W. Knight for care of Knox cemetery.	2 00	
Total expenditure.....		\$24 92
Unexpended balance.....		\$25 51

HOLLIS TURNER CEMETERY FUND

Interest available.....	\$27 71	
Balance from 1917.....	9 37	
		\$37 08
Paid H. R. Robinson & Son for labor on Knight Cemetery	\$12 60	
E. B. Knox for labor on Waite cemetery..	3 00	
Total expenditure.....		\$15 60
Unexpended balance.....		\$21 48

MEMORIAL PURPOSES

Unexpended balance from 1916.....	\$ 24	
Appropriated	6 00	
		\$6 24
Paid H. E. Stillman for flags.....		9 00
Overdrawn		\$2 76

STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Appropriated		\$533 00
Received from state.....		
Expended by E. W. Sturtevant on State aid road:		
Paid Penn Metal Culvert Co.....	\$150 03	
David C. Chenery.....	19 69	
Linus Libby.....	19 69	
Hiram Washburn.....	18 00	
Manley Farrar.....	39 38	
E. W. Sturtevant.....	45 93	
Omar Garneau.....	15 75	

Paid	D. C. Chenery.....	52 50
	Ray Tyler.....	26 25
	Omar Garneau.....	51 88
	Charles Childs.....	6 75
	Linus Libby.....	54 75
	Winnie Knox.....	4 00
	Hiram Washburn.....	45 75
	George Ford.....	37 50
	Manley Farrar.....	110 25
	Carl M. White.....	71 75
	E. W. Sturtevant.....	138 25
	O. O. Tracy.....	6 75
	Kidder Bros.....	11 00
	James H. Kerr.....	12 65
	C. A. Lane.....	2 10
	Charles Towle.....	4 80
	E. S. Newton.....	1 75
	Maine Central Railroad Co.....	3 75
	E. S. Demerritt.....	6 00
	John Frost.....	7 75
	John Frost.....	18 00
	O. O. Tracy.....	2 25
	C. N. Childs.....	2 25
	E. W. Sturtevant.....	14 25
	E. W. Sturtevant.....	40 20
	D. C. Chenery.....	2 25
	George Ford.....	2 25
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	Total expenditures.....	\$1,046 10

STATE AID ROAD REPAIRS

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

FERRY BOAT ACCOUNT

Appropriated	\$200 00
Paid Dixfield for one-half expense of building ferry boat.....	154 50
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Unexpended balance.....	\$45 50

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriated for summer roads.....	\$3,000 00
To be used by patrolman.....	558 00

Balance\$2,442 00

Expended by E. W. Sturtevant:

Paid F. F. Burgess.....	\$ 13 90
Will Howard.....	21 95
U. G. McIntire.....	20 44
Elmer Knox, Jr.....	15 00
Hiram Washburn.....	9 00
John Frost.....	5 00
E. W. Sturtevant.....	145 97
Sylvester Searles.....	8 00
E. G. Child.....	17 50
M. R. Tracey.....	1 55
Alton Lovejoy.....	25 00
Manley Farrar.....	54 84
A. B. Tyler.....	29 00
Dunton Lumber Co.....	139 17
Ezra Staples.....	9 11
U. G. McIntire.....	40 67
Omar Garneau.....	41 06
A. B. Tyler.....	16 45
D. C. Chenery.....	13 29
Will Howard.....	2 50
Gerald Knox.....	3 50
Fred Bartlett.....	17 00
Maurice Bishop.....	5 50
Elmer Knox, Jr.....	11 25
Simeon Morrill.....	6 03
Peter Sharland.....	10 50
Henry Farrar.....	3 28
Grafton Gordon.....	8 90
Leslie Gordon.....	6 00
John Burgess.....	1 80
Osborn Burgess.....	1 80
Alton Lovejoy.....	92 50
Manley Farrar.....	97 50

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Paid	E. W. Sturtevant.....	131	32
	Kidder Bros.....	43	20
	O. L. Knight.....	2	20
	Simeon Morrill.....	11	61
	U. G. McIntire.....	5	77
	E. W. Sturtevant.....	56	12
	Alton Lovejoy.....	14	44
	Manley Farrar.....	18	00
	A. B. Tyler.....		39
	Isaac Seales.....		75
	Fred Bartlett.....	2	00
	E. G. Child.....	2	22
	Peter Sharland.....	10	00
	E. W. Sturtevant.....	77	21
	Manley Farrar.....	63	30
	Alton Lovejoy.....	24	16
	Nelson Lufkin.....	18	00
	D. O. Delano.....	22	00
	Linus Libby.....	24	66
	Omar Garneau.....	24	93
	Hiram Washburn.....	4	88
	Alton Burgess.....	2	00
	E. S. Demerritt.....	4	40
	C. A. Lane.....		74
	Peter Sharland.....	2	25
	E. S. Newton.....	8	15
	Alton Lovejoy.....	30	00
	Manley Farrar.....	37	50
	E. W. Sturtevant.....	44	25
	Linus Libby.....	16	00
	Omar Garneau.....	22	50
	David Chenery.....	14	10
	Hiram Washburn.....	16	00
	D. O. Delano.....	2	00
	H. R. Robinson & Son.....	3	87
	Herman Fuller.....	14	75
	James Miller.....	4	37
	C. I. Putnam.....	1	38
	C. H. Robinson.....		59
	J. R. Morrill & Son.....	3	00
	Omar Garneau.....	6	50

Total\$1,678 32

Expended by W. J. Bryant:

Paid	M. H. Oldham.....	\$12 50
	R. V. Robinson.....	28 00
	W. J. Bryant.....	72 35
	Roy Oldham.....	18 00
	R. H. Bennett.....	10 00
	C. S. Luce.....	60 00
	R. V. Robinson.....	20 00
	E. E. Staples.....	12 50
	M. H. Oldham.....	28 00
	W. J. Bryant.....	96 00
	A. G. Walker.....	5 75
	B. S. Irish.....	29 00
	B. C. Kidder.....	10 00
	E. E. Cox.....	6 00
	E. G. Bassett.....	10 00
	Ralph J. Oldham.....	8 00
	Leroy Oldham.....	29 00
	Merton Luce.....	6 00
	Willis Haynes.....	7 00
	J. Carroll.....	5 00
	E. E. Howard.....	35 80
	J. C. Oldham.....	10 00
	P. K. Childs.....	6 66
	A. B. Childs.....	1 00
	Kidder Bros.....	7 50
	Kidder Bros.....	7 30
	W. J. Bryant.....	12 37
	E. G. Bassett.....	3 25
	A. G. Walker.....	3 00
	J. S. Russell.....	4 00
	Fred Russell.....	2 50
	R. V. Robinson.....	5 00
	Willis Haynes.....	2 00
	E. E. Howard.....	9 15
	A. G. Walker.....	5 00
	Total	\$587 63

 ON ACCOUNT OF CUTTING BUSHES ON HIGHWAY

Expended by W. J. Bryant and E. W. Sturtevant:

Paid	B. C. Kidder.....	\$ 2 00
	Simeon Morrill.....	10 00
	Peter Sharland.....	25 50
	Alton Burgess.....	4 50
	A. W. Knight.....	6 00
	Robert Gillespie.....	2 00
	A. B. Tyler.....	4 00
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	Total	\$54 00
	Total expenditures for summer roads.....	\$2,877 95
	Unexpended balance.....	\$122 05

SNOW BILLS FOR 1917 AND 1918

Appropriated	\$500 00	
Paid	Herbert Lunt.....	\$ 8 60
	E. E. Howard.....	45 00
	J. C. Oldham.....	16 63
	Joe Stanwood.....	6 40
	Ernest Andrews.....	5 12
	Carl M. White.....	100 65
	E. P. Burgess.....	5 90
	Shirley Widbur.....	8 75
	Robert Gillespie.....	6 55
	Richard Gill.....	5 80
	E. C. Staples.....	6 00
	E. G. Child.....	10 67
	G. H. Conant.....	5 20
	U. G. McIntire.....	2 80
	O. R. Delano.....	7 00
	B. D. Packard.....	9 50
	E. P. Burgess.....	3 10
	Walter Knox.....	3 40
	Herbert Lunt.....	7 40
	Charles Frost & Son.....	11 35
	Leroy Pinkham.....	1 70
	E. G. Child.....	6 70
	Charles Andrews.....	14 00
	C. J. Tracey.....	1 00

Paid	L. E. Libby.....	3 20
	Gerald Tracey.....	3 40
	B. J. Roberts.....	2 60
	E. W. Knox.....	15 00
	Cleston Knox.....	5 60
	E. E. Howard.....	34 45
	A. L. Jacques.....	3 60
	A. G. Walker.....	7 35
	L. H. Poland.....	6 25
	A. B. Tyler.....	1 80
	E. B. Knox.....	2 00
	C. H. Robinson.....	2 80
	M. M. Farrar.....	1 70
	W. C. Stevens.....	2 70
	Thomas Cunningham.....	11 52
	Simeon Morrill.....	6 00
	Stuart Gammon.....	6 50
	Peter Sharland.....	8 50
	S. H. McIntire.....	6 50
	R. Gillespie.....	1 35
	Gerald Tracey.....	1 60
	J. R. Morrill & Son.....	16 05
	E. W. Sturtevant.....	23 05
	F. F. Burgess.....	3 00
	J. E. Dow.....	10 00
	A. B. McIntire.....	3 03
	Willard Cobb.....	13 00
	S. Morrill.....	2 40
	A. B. Tyler.....	2 00
	Oscar Putnam.....	2 00
	Linus Libby.....	2 00
	J. G. Tyler.....	4 45
	B. J. Roberts.....	67
	Manley Farrar.....	1 00
	D. Laukshes.....	22
	George Stanwood.....	44
	E. W. Sturtevant.....	5 62
	E. S. Demerritt.....	4 40
	John Burgess.....	5 00
	J. R. Morrill & Son.....	30 30
	Robert Gillespie.....	16 45
	Nathan Flagg.....	1 25
	G. H. Conant.....	47 88
	M. H. Babb.....	5 30

Paid	C. J. Tracey.....	3 12
	D. W. Oldham.....	13 75
	E. P. Burgess.....	9 62
	Isaac Searles.....	2 87
	E. W. Sturtevant.....	27 30
	Fred Bartlett.....	3 25
	Willard Cobb.....	4 60
	Willard Cobb.....	18 35
	Benjamin Bigelow.....	31 70
	E. B. Knox.....	36 60
	Leslie Irish.....	2 75
	Charles Frost & Son.....	26 90
	A. B. McIntire.....	14 71
	L. O. Babb.....	24 70
	M. H. Oldham.....	14 65
	Fred Johnson.....	1 25
	Manley Farrar.....	10 62
	G. A. Knox.....	27 05
	Charles Norton.....	13 12
	James Miller.....	23 84
	Glenroy Miller.....	11 97
	D. Laukshes.....	39 73
	H. R. Robinson & Son.....	34 50
	Henry O. Hussey.....	13 95
	E. E. Howard.....	57 48
	Emerson Oldham.....	7 63
	Ralph Oldham.....	2 13
	E. G. Child.....	8 62
	E. G. Child.....	70
	Elmer W. Knox, Jr.....	7 50
	Omar Garneau.....	12 70
	Fred Johnson.....	5 10
	Shirley Widbur.....	9 00
	Fred Johnson.....	4 40
	H. H. Lunt.....	14 00
	B. D. Packard.....	18 10
	E. C. Knox.....	4 75
	B. C. Kidder.....	8 10
	P. C. Childs.....	6 30
	Alexander Dragoon.....	2 00
	E. E. Cox.....	5 70
	J. S. Russell.....	26 70
	Carl M. White.....	147 10
	W. S. Haines.....	10 62

Paid	O. O. Tracy.....	5 62
	H. L. Fuller.....	22 95
	Walter Cunningham.....	6 00
	Fred Cunningham.....	6 00
	C. W. Knox.....	17 75
	J. E. Dow.....	6 75
	E. G. Child.....	6 50
	W. L. Hanson.....	6 33
	Charles Andrews.....	9 00
	A. W. Knight.....	31 10
	C. B. Knox.....	5 50
	Richard Gill.....	30 17
	Thomas Cunningham.....	9 13
	Harold Packard.....	19 55
	A. L. Harlow.....	10 50
	Osborne Burgess.....	1 60
	E. B. Fletcher.....	4 80
	J. C. Oldham.....	2 00
	J. S. Russell.....	6 40
	Nelson Lufkin.....	13 65
	J. G. Tyler.....	90
	D. C. Chenery.....	1 00
	James Miller.....	11 60
	Alex McFee.....	6 00
	Omar Garneau.....	9 32
	Will Knox.....	3 25
	Weston W. Dutton.....	3 12
	Charles Frost & Son.....	10 00
	A. G. Walker.....	3 25
	Ralph Oldham.....	1 25
	E. E. Howard.....	30 20
	J. C. Oldham.....	30 05
	A. L. York.....	5 25
	Herbert Widbur.....	3 00
	James E. Dow.....	17 82
	Fred F. Bartlett.....	5 25
	E. C. Staples.....	43 80
	Shirley Widbur.....	44 70
	Osborne Burgess.....	5 38
	C. L. Knox.....	10 25
	William Johnson.....	1 50
	Charles Andrews.....	23 10
	E. W. Knox.....	14 95

Paid	Will Knox.....	15 25
	Charles Frost & Son.....	22 35
	P. C. Sharland.....	12 87
	Harold Packard.....	8 35
	J. C. Oldham.....	17 26
	E. M. Gammon.....	25 35
	C. F. Porter.....	5 25
	W. E. Tyler.....	7 00
	Walter Knox.....	12 50
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	Total expenditures.....	\$2,032 36
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	Overdrawn	\$1,532 36

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES

Appropriated		\$300 00
Paid	F. W. Sanborn for printing town reports..	\$40 00
	Loring, Short & Harmon, books for town..	12 50
	R. W. Bicknell, M. D., for birth and death certificates	50
	M. M. Farrar for getting and housing road machine	5 00
	Howard Turner for books and supplies....	3 25
	Howard Turner for making deeds for town farm	2 00
	New England road machine Co. for repairs on road machine.....	11 25
	Fairbanks Co., material furnished for seal- er weights and measures.....	4 57
	C. A. Lane, for town farm acct., 1916....	2 80
	Kidder Bros., material for bridge railing..	1 14
	L. E. Irish, labor on bridge railings for patrol road	4 20
	James M. Sturtevant, M. D., birth and death certificates.....	1 50
	E. S. Demerritt for use of watering tub...	5 00
	H. R. Robinson & Son, use watering tub..	5 00
	W. H. Phinney, use of watering tub.....	5 00
	Dr. J. S. Sturtevant for birth and death certificates	1 75
	J. C. Wyman for use of watering tub....	5 00
	James Irish for use of watering tub.....	3 00

Paid	B. D. Packard for use of watering tub...	3 00
	G. H. Conant for use of watering tub.....	3 00
	Howard Turner for town clerk incidentals.	2 23
	Howard Turner making deeds for cemetery lots	2 00
	F. A. Lamb for plank.....	48
	C. H. Robinson for selectmen's incidentals	5 10
	H. R. Robinson for postage and supplies..	3 80
	Wilbur Irish, helping take out ferry boat.	1 75
	Kidder Bros., material furnished and help- ing on ferry boat.....	5 10
	E. B. Knox for helping take out ferry boat	1 50
	C. H. Robinson for helping take out ferry boat	3 00
	George Rowe for labor on break water....	10 00
	Charles Andrews, for labor on break water	14 50
	E. G. Childs for labor on break water.....	20 00
	L. K. Lovejoy for damage done to sheep.	120 00
	H. E. Stillman, interest on money hired by town.....	17 50
	Sylvester Searles for damage to sheep....	18 00
	Total expenditure	\$344 42
Rec'd.	from State for damage done by dogs.....	\$138 00
	Unexpended balance	\$106 42

ABATEMENTS FOR 1916

Pliny Wing, unable to collect.....	\$ 2 00
Irvin Wing, unable to collect.....	2 00
Ames, George C., unable to collect.....	3 50

ABATEMENTS FOR 1917

Avery, Joseph, paid in home town.....	\$ 2 00
Whittier, Hubbard, unable to locate.....	2 00
Oldham, Harry, paid in Rumford.....	2 00
Llewellyn Poland, paid in Sumner.....	10 50
Stanwood, George W., in the service.....	2 00
Stanwood, A. N., in the service.....	2 00

Total

\$28 00

 DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS

George Ames.....	\$ 15 00
E. C. Irish.....	118 80
E. L. Byur.....	30 00
Thomas Newman	2 00
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Total	\$165 80

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Appropriated	\$600 00
Paid	
E. G. Child for services as moderator....	\$ 2 00
P. M. Cooper for services as supt. of schools	86 66
E. S. Newton for services on Board of Health	2 25
Howard Turner, clerk.....	35 00
C. H. Robinson, selectman.....	96 00
E. G. Child, selectman.....	71 00
E. B. Knox, selectman.....	72 00
H. R. Robinson, treasurer.....	50 00
A. S. Holman, ballot clerk.....	2 00
H. R. Robinson, ballot clerk.....	2 00
O. L. Knight, tax collector.....	118 56
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Total expenditure.....	\$537 47
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Unexpended balance.....	\$62 53

Treasurer's Report

H. R. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

DR.

To Cash on hand, Feb. 13, '17.....	\$2,079 56
Tax deeds on hand.....	190 15
Due on tax bills for 1916.....	9 04
Received from A. B. McIntire for personal property bought of town.....	20 00
Interest on bank certificate.....	3 33
Interest on tax deed of Ada Libby.....	84
Interest on bank certificate.....	4 44
Money hired for town.....	600 00
Town clerk for dog licenses.....	35 00
A. B. McIntire for part payment for town farm	401 67
Town clerk for dog licenses.....	49 00
Commitment to poll taxes for 1917.....	440 00
Tax bills of 1917.....	9,593 97
Balance on Town Farm.....	998 33
Town clerk, dog licenses.....	20 00
From State, soldiers' pensions.....	36 00
State, Equalization fund.....	285 00
Received from heirs of M. T. DeShon.	10 00
Interest on the E. A. Wakely tax deed	53
State, dog licenses refunded.....	48 48
State, school and mill fund.....	735 07
State, common school fund.....	613 35
State, R. R. and Telegraph Co.....	08
State, damage to sheep.....	138 00
State, free high school.....	444 00
State Soldiers' pensions.....	36 00
Ellis DeShon lot at East Peru ceme- tery	10 00
State Improvement state roads.....	512 35
Town of Dixfield on acct. ferry boat	1 55
Alonzo Oldham, interest on tax deeds	48
B. C. Kidder, lot in cemetery at East Peru	10 00
Total	\$17,363 72

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For Payment State pension:	
For Esther Gordon.....	\$ 9 00
Maria Gammon.....	9 00
Esther Gordon.....	9 00
Maria Gammon.....	9 00
Dog licenses sent to State Treasurer.....	104 00
Paid State aid Esther J. Gordon.....	9 00
State aid Maria Gammon.....	9 00
Interest on money hired by town.....	17 50
State tax 1917.....	1,912 85
State aid to Esther J. Gordon.....	9 00
State aid to Maria Gammon.....	9 00
County tax 1917.....	541 37
Town orders turned in.....	11,526 32
Tax deeds on hand.....	386 76
Delinquent taxes	165 80
Cash on hand.....	2,637 02
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Total	\$17,363 72

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN FEB. 12, 1918

RESOURCES

Cash in hands of treasurer.....	\$2,637 02	
Tax deeds on hand.....	386 76	
Due on tax bills for 1917.....	165 80	
Due from city of Lewiston on Margaret Mc-		
Carty, pauper account.....	23 00	
Due on Jennie Smith, pauper account.....	30 21	
	<hr/>	\$3,242 79

LIABILITIES

Outstanding orders.....	\$2,240 62	
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Total liabilities		\$2,240 62
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Resources over liabilities.....		\$1,002 17

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. ROBINSON,
E. G. CHILD,
E. B. KNOX,

Selectmen of Peru.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND CITIZENS OF PERU:

I hereby submit for your consideration my second annual report of the schools of the town.

I believe that I am correct in stating that never before in the history of our country has the common school been of so much importance as it is at this time. This is so because we are stirred in the remotest corner of the land to a sense of duty that was not apparent a few months ago. That duty is "To Make The World Safe for Democracy." It is up to the teachers of the country to teach those things that are necessary to that end. Two things come to my attention as being necessary to the proper schedule in our rural schools. They are Production and Thrift.

Teachers in the town are instructed to teach these two necessities in every way possible. Children must be thoroughly impregnated with the idea of production of both food and material, also with that of being thrifty. We have grand opportunities for teaching these ideals through the War Savings Campaign and Agricultural Clubs. I am glad to report that several of the schools of the town have taken hold of the Thrift Stamps in such a way as to give us deep satisfaction. Every pupil will be urged to have a garden during the coming summer and to be a member of at least one of the many Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Clubs which have been instituted by the State College of Agriculture. I wish to appeal to the parents to help in this undertaking. Remember the time when you were boys and girls. What pride a child has in something he has produced all by himself. Help your boys and girls to a small plot of land, fertilizer and the means of cultivation. By so doing many of the boys and girls may be kept on the farm, a place that at the present time is to be envied.

It is a pleasure for me to report that the schools of the town are, without exception, being taught by competent and hard working teachers. They are endeavoring to teach thrift and the good derived as well as the subjects common to the school programme. These teachers need the encouragement of the citizens to do their best work. You can increase the efficiency by becoming intimate with the school. Become a member of your school Improvement League. When you learn what the aims of the school are and lend a hand you will see a great change. We want the school to become the center of interest in the community.

Nearly all of the teachers have special training for their work and their methods and management show the advantage of such training.

Considering the very low wages paid you should feel well satisfied with your teachers.

The attendance for the past year has been approximately 85 per cent. When the extreme weather and the many cases of measles are taken into consideration I consider the attendance very good. During the early fall I found the attendance to be excellent and I am sure that most of the time lost is excusable.

New arithmetics have been purchased for the schools during the past year. This is the only change in the text books, all other expenditures being for books to supply individual cases. This accounts for the considerable balance on this account.

New Geographies must be purchased very soon. This will just about use up the balance. Other texts are in fair condition and in sufficient quantities.

Much needed repairs have been made on the East Peru building and the room can be put in fair condition with a coat of paint and a few minor repairs. The Dickvale building has been shingled and painted on the interior. The building is in very good condition and should not require an outlay during the coming year.

The blackboards in most of the rooms are in very poor condition and must be replaced during the summer. Other repairs must be made at the Pond and at West Peru.

We now have available for improved heating and ventilation the sum of eighty-five dollars, which is to be used for installing a system at the Center. I trust that this will work satisfactorily and act as a starter.

FINANCES

You will notice that the Common School account is overdrawn. This is due to two things. First you have paid for thirty-eight weeks as against thirty-four last year. This was brought about by a slight change in the time of paying teachers. The schools have been run for as little money as they can be. The wage of your teachers is far below the average. The other accounts are in fair shape. All but that of repairs has a balance.

It will be necessary to raise more money for your common schools for next year. Teachers cannot be employed for the wages we are now paying. Fuel is costing considerable more and it is impossible to get the janitor work done for the wages we have been paying.

Following is the list of recommendations which I hope you will consider favorably.

Common Schools.....	\$1,500 00
High school.....	175 00
Books and supplies.....	100 00
Repairs	200 00
Superintendency	

It will be absolutely necessary to raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for Common schools if you wish to maintain them for thirty-six weeks.

In conclusion I wish to thank you for your assistance and I assure you that I appreciate your many kindnesses.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. COOPER, Superintendent of Schools.

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Balance 1917.....	\$ 63 86	
Appropriated	1,300 00	
Permanent School Fund.....	34 38	
Equalization Fund.....	200 00	
School Mill Fund.....	735 07	
Common School Fund.....	613 35	
Tuition (town of Hartford)	19 36	
		\$2,966 02
	Expended	
Teachers' wages.....	\$2,969 50	
Fuel	265 23	
Janitor wages.....	71 75	
Conveyance	104 00	
Board of Pupils.....	24 00	
		\$3,434 73
To balance.....		\$468 71

HIGH SCHOOL

Balance 1917.....	\$115 05	
Appropriated	200 00	
From State of Maine.....	444 00	
		\$759 05
	Expended	
Town of Dixfield (tuition)	\$654 00	
		\$105 05

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Balance 1917.....	\$ 56 07	
Appropriated	150 00	
		\$206 07
Expended		
For supplies.....	\$68 21	
For Text Books.....	57 21	
		\$125 42
Balance		\$80 65

REPAIRS

Balance 1917.....	\$ 23 44	
Appropriated	100 00	
		\$123 44
Expended		\$170 60
Overdrawn		\$47 16

SPECIAL REPAIRS

From Equalization Fund.....	\$85 00	
Unexpended	\$85 00	

SUPERINTENDENCY

Balance 1917.....	\$10 01	
Appropriated	80 00	
		\$90 01
P. M. Cooper.....	\$86 66	
Balance		\$3 35

SUPERINTENDENT'S INCIDENTALS

P. M. Cooper.....	\$15 86	
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Vital Statistics
BIRTHS

Recorded by Town Clerk not reported for 1916.

July 9, to the wife of Nelson B. Lufkin, a daughter.

1917. For the year ending Feb. 1, 1918.

Feb. 14, to the wife of Harold D. Packard, a son.

Feb. 19, to the wife of John S. Russell, a son.
 Mar. 9, to the wife of Walter H. Cunningham, a son.
 May 12, to the wife of Carl S. Holman, a daughter.
 May 24, to the wife of Alton L. Lovejoy, a daughter.
 June 13, to the wife of Esbjorn Wiken, a son.
 June 15, to the wife of Arthur L. Bryant, a son.
 July 16, to Margaret McCarty, a son.
 July 16, to the wife of Joseph Therriault, a daughter.
 July 28, to the wife of Isadore Dragoon, a son.
 Aug. 11, to the wife of Erland Frost, a daughter.
 Aug. 17, to the wife of Clarence N. Widbur, a son.
 Oct. 29, to the wife of Frank E. Irish, a son.
 Nov. 8, to the wife of Rodney E. Haynes, a son.
 Nov. 20, to the wife of Fred Johnson, a son.
 Nov. 30, to the wife of Nelson B. Lufkin, a son.

MARRIAGES RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK

For the Year Ending Feb. 1st, 1918

1917

July 10, at Peru, by Howard Turner, Esq., Mr. John J. O'Connor, Jr. to Miss Gertrude Lowe, both of Lewiston.

Nov. 10, at Dixfield, by Rev. Ransom E. Gilkey, Mr. Herbert C. Knox, to Miss Madeline G. Knox, both of Peru.

Nov. 15, at Peru, by Howard Turner, Esq., Mr. Walter J. Dower to Mrs. Florence A. Lovejoy, both of Mexico.

Nov. 21, at Dixfield, by Rev. Ransom E. Gilkey, Mr. Leslie H. Irish to Miss Sadie L. Knox, both of Peru.

1918

Jan. 28, at Portland, by Rev. Arthur R. Chase, Mr. Leon E. McIntire of Peru, to Miss Bertha L. Andrews of Portland.

DEATHS RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK

For the Year Ending Feb. 1st, 1918

1917

Mar. 31, Edd C. Chase, 48 years, 9 months, 23 days.

April 7, at Lewiston, Jeremiah C. Brackett, 71 years, 8 months.

May 3, Fred Taylor, 53 years, 2 months, 6 days.

July 29, Baby Dragoon.

Aug. 16, Orill E. Gowell, 72 years, 11 months, 29 days.

Oct. 5, Mellen T. DeShon, 64 years, 5 months, 4 days.

Nov. 8, at Leeds, Dan'l D. DeLano, 71 years, 2 months, 9 days.

HOWARD TURNER, Town Clerk.