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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF PERU

FOR THE

Year Ending February 12

1920

Advertiser Print
Norway, Maine
1920

Town Officers

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

A. B. McINTIRE

E. B. KNOX

W. B. KIDDER

Clerk

HOWARD TURNER

Treasurer

HENRY R. ROBINSON

Collector of Taxes

L. E. IRISH

Constables

C. N. CHILD

C. H. ROBINSON

W. T. HILL

Superintending School Committee

M. H. OLDHAM

C. N. CHILD

W. S. HAINES

Superintendent of Schools

H. W. COBURN

Board of Health

E. G. CHILD

W. B. KIDDER

E. S. NEWTON

Sealer of Weights and Measures

S. W. HOWARD

Road Commissioners

E. C. STAPLES

A. G. HOWARD

Sextons

A. W. KNIGHT

O. O. TRACY

W. CUNNINGHAM

Fire Warden

W. B. KIDDER

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

D. C. CHENERY

W. B. KIDDER

G. L. ROWE

C. S. LUCE

Report of Selectmen

The Selectmen of the Town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 12, 1920:

VALUATION

Real estate, resident,	\$197,296.00	
Real estate, non-resident,	67,574.00	
Total real estate,		\$264,870.00
Personal estate, resident,	\$83,325.00	
Personal estate, non-resident,	16,280.00	
Total personal estate,		\$99,605.00
Total valuation,		\$364,475.00

LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses,	223	\$100.13	\$22,330.00
Colts, 3 to 4,	7	85.71	600.00
Colts, 2 to 3,	2	80.00	160.00
Colts under 2,	8	34.37	275.00
Cows,	499	42.03	20,971.00
Oxen,	4	87.50	350.00
Three-year-old,	111	32.00	3,552.00
Two-year-old,	170	23.62	4,015.00
Sheep (over 35 in number),	13	7.00	91.00
Total amount of taxable livestock,			\$52,344.00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
One-year-old,	214	\$14.07	\$3,012.00
Sheep (to 35 in number),	162	7.57	1,226.00
Swine (to 10 in number),	96	18.02	1,730.00
Total amount of exempt livestock,			\$5,968.00

 ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade,	\$15,100.00
Bridge stock,	1,385.00
Electric light stock,	900.00
Small boats,	175.00
Wood and bark,	9,366.00
Logs and lumber,	6,329.00
Carriages, 34,	720.00
Automobiles, 51,	8,100.00
Musical instruments, 44,	3,810.00
Other property,	476.00
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Total amount,	\$46,361.00
Taxable livestock brought forward,	52,344.00
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Total amount of taxable personal property,	\$98,705.00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

State tax,	\$2,679.56
County tax,	731.82
For support of schools,	2,700.00
Support of poor,	500.00
Summer roads and bridges,	2,750.00
Winter roads,	500.00
Miscellaneous town charges,	500.00
Town officers' bills,	600.00
Care of cemeteries,	75.00
Memorial purposes,	10.00
High school tuition,	200.00
Text-books and supplies,	150.00
Repairs on schoolhouses,	200.00
Salary for superintendent of schools,	150.00
Interest on school fund,	34.38
Peru Center, ferry account,	100.00
Repairs on State road,	15.60
Maintenance of State aid road,	49.50
Improvement on State aid road,	533.00

Improvement on State aid road (special),	250.00	
Removing and reinterring bodies in unprotected places,	100.00	
Special repairs at Center school,	75.00	
Repair patrol road for patrolman,	50.00	
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Total appropriation,		\$12,953.86
Overlay,		74.29
Supplementary,		53.45
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Total amount committed to collector,		\$13,081.60

Number of polls taxed, 212.
 Number of polls not taxed, 34.
 Poll tax, \$3.00.
 Rate of taxation, .034.

POOR ACCOUNT

Appropriated,	\$500.00	
Unexpended balance on snow roller,	175.00	
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Total amount available,		\$675.00
Paid A. B. McIntire, for board and care of Horace Clark,	\$ 79.29	
Mrs. Fred Cunningham, for board and care of Horace Clark,	180.68	
Kidder Bros., for bedding,	22.75	
Charles Eastman, for moving Horace Clark,	2.50	
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		\$285.22
Paid Town of East Livermore for supplies furnished F. J. Wing and family,		\$240.72
J. S. Sturtevant, for medical attendance on Herbert Bowker and wife,	\$25.55	
E. G. Child, for wood,	12.50	
O. L. Knight, for supplies,	38.55	
Kidder Bros., for clothing,	4.07	
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		\$80.62

Leslie B. Phinney, for board and care of Andrew J. Hall,	\$84.00	
Kidder Bros., for clothing,	15.13	
	<u> </u>	\$99.13
Total expenditures,		\$705.69
Overdrawn,		\$30.69
Poor belonging to other town:		
Paid Mrs. E. W. Knox, for board and care of Emma Morris,	\$24.00	
Dr. J. M. Sturtevant, for medical attendance,	2.00	
	<u> </u>	
Total,		\$26.00
Due from Town of Lewiston,		\$26.00

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Appropriated,	\$75.00	
Unexpended balance from 1918,	11.01	
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Total amount available,		\$86.01
Paid W. M. Kidder, for sawing and planing lumber,	\$ 8.00	
Kidder Bros., for lumber,	44.42	
S. H. McIntire, for cedar posts,	12.00	
E. G. Child, for labor,	8.50	
O. O. Tracy, for labor and cash paid out,	22.23	
Walter Cunningham for care of East Peru and Worthley Pond yards,	12.00	
E. G. Child, for care of Franklin annex yard,	3.00	
O. O. Tracy, for care of Cote and Burgess Hill and A. C. Small yards,	10.00	
A. W. Knight, for care of Knox yard,	3.00	
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Total expenditures.		\$123.15
Overdrawn,		\$37.14

For removing and reintering dead bodies and fencing yards in unprotected places:

Appropriated,		\$100.00
Paid A. W. Knight, for moving three bodies,	\$18.00	
William M. Kidder, for making six boxes,	15.00	
O. O. Tracy, for labor and cash paid out on Brackett yard,	6.15	
E. B. Knox, for posts for Brackett yard,	4.00	
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Total expenditures,		\$43.15
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Unexpended balance,		\$56.85

FERRY ACCOUNT

Appropriated,		\$100.00
Unexpended balance from 1918,		22.95
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Total amount available,		\$122.95
Paid Town of Dixfield, 1/2 expense of running ferry,		\$227.98
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Overdrawn,		\$105.03

PERU CENTER SCHOOL YARD FENCE

Unexpended balance from 1918,		\$50.00
Paid W. S. Haines for labor,	\$ 3.00	
Kidder Bros. for material,	19.17	
H. R. Robinson & Son for labor,	4.80	
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Total expenditures,		\$26.97
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Unexpended balance,		\$23.03

HOLLIS TURNER CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Interest available,		\$29.58
Unexpended balance from 1918,		34.44
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Amount available,		\$64.02

Paid E. B. Knox for labor,	\$ 5.20
L. E. Irish for labor,	8.00
A. W. Knight for labor,	11.40
Kidder Bros. for material,	16.11
H. R. Robinson & Son for labor,	4.40
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Total expenditures,	\$45.11
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Unexpended balance,	\$18.91

MEMORIAL PURPOSES

Appropriated,	\$12.00
Paid Kidder Bros. for flags,	\$9.00
E. B. Knox for delivering flags,	2.00
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Total expenditures,	\$11.00
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Unexpended balance,	\$1.00

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriated,	\$2,750.00
Patrol allowance,	550.00
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	\$2,200.00
Unexpended balance from 1918,	131.37
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Total amount available,	\$2,331.37

Expended by E. C. STAPLES:

Amount available,	\$1,563.00
Paid E. C. Staples,	\$512.60
Roy Leadbetter,	58.14
O. R. Delano,	7.60
Melvin Lovejoy,	78.45
Sidney Goggin,	57.00
Fred Bartlett,	51.00
Harry Pinkham,	66.00
Roy Knox,	256.90
Shirley Widber,	141.00
Leland Austin,	30.50
James Saunders,	61.14
Thomas Saunders,	63.34

Maurice Bishop,	63.00	
Henry Farrar,	16.20	
Ralph Knight,	6.00	
Frank Barrett,	9.00	
George Ford,	29.64	
P. C. Sharland,	7.00	
Kidder Bros. for material furnished,	76.71	
Alex Dragoon,	4.70	
M. M. Farrar,	2.70	
Lester Childs,	21.82	
Bruce Chase,	2.30	
Alonzo Wentworth,	4.00	
A. McFee,	2.00	
Ernest Andrews,	9.00	
C. A. Lane for material,	4.47	
L. A. Wardwell for plank,	29.70	
E. C. Staples for plank,	31.50	
Kidder Bros. for plank for patrol road,	60.64	
		<u>\$1,764.05</u>
Overdrawn,		\$201.05

CUTTING BUSHES

Expended by E. C. STAPLES:

Total amount available,		\$77.00
Paid Chas. Frost & Son,	\$16.50	
Walter Knox,	24.00	
Henry Farrar,	2.40	
Ralph Knight,	6.00	
Sidney Goggin,	6.00	
Maurice Bishop,	5.70	
Thomas Saunders,	3.00	
James Saunders,	3.00	
Leland Austin,	1.50	
Alton Burgess,	17.00	
		<u>\$85.10</u>
Total expenditures,		\$85.10
Overdrawn,		\$8.10

Expended by A. G. HOWARD:

Amount available,		\$658.37
Paid A. G. Howard,	\$165.93	
A. G. Walker,	8.58	
W. C. Stevens,	4.67	
B. C. Kidder for bridge stringers and labor,	25.62	
W. S. Hines,	11.67	
Harold Packard,	5.00	
W. J. Bryant,	58.78	
C. S. Luce for supplies,	2.55	
E. E. Howard,	101.38	
M. H. Oldham,	101.50	
A. L. Harlow,	4.67	
Henry Hussey,	6.00	
Arthur Childs,	12.00	
J. C. Oldham,	43.11	
Kidder Bros. for plank,	22.20	
P. K. Childs,	15.00	
J. S. Harlow for bridge stringers,	7.00	
Emery Cox,	3.00	
Roy Oldham,	22.50	
E. G. Bassett,	7.00	
William Johnson,	21.00	
W. J. Bryant for plank for patrol road,	40.67	
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Total expenditures,		\$689.23
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Overdrawn,		\$30.86

CUTTING BUSHES

Expended by A. G. HOWARD:

Total amount available,		\$33.00
Paid Fred Russell,	\$ 3.00	
A. G. Howard,	16.00	
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Expenditures,		\$19.00
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Unexpended balance,		\$14.00

REPAIRS ON STATE ROAD

Appropriated,		\$15.60
Paid State for .26 miles,		\$15.60

 MAINTENANCE OF STATE AID ROAD

Appropriated,	\$49.50
Paid State for 1.65 miles,	\$49.50

FOR PREPARING PATROL ROAD FOR PATROLMAN

Appropriated,	\$50.00
Paid State,	\$50.00

STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Appropriated by town,	\$533.00
Appropriated by State,	708.89
Unexpended balance from 1917,	13.89

Joint fund,	\$1,255.78
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Paid E. C. Staples,	\$177.45
E. L. Knox,	145.44
Shirley Widber,	145.44
Melvin Lovejoy,	65.33
George Ford,	28.50
Fred Bartlett,	59.16
Sidney Goggin,	58.50
Weston Dunton,	58.67
Emerson Oldham,	61.45
Roy Oldham,	52.00
C. E. Ridlon,	3.00
E. C. Towers,	3.00
Lester Child,	65.33
Harry Pinkham,	9.72
Kidder Bros. for blasting supplies,	27.05
James Saunders,	55.00
Thomas Saunders,	51.00
John Frost,	27.00
E. S. Newton,	6.00
Benjamin Lovejoy,	11.00
James Kerr for cement,	15.25
Charles Towle,	12.00
North East Metal Culvert Co.,	118.49

Total expenditures,	\$1,255.78
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 STATE ROAD SPECIAL RESOLVE

Appropriated by town,	\$250.00
Appropriated by State,	750.00
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Amount available,	\$1,000.00
Paid A. G. Howard, road com.,	\$135.40
Kidder Bros. for material,	227.00
E. B. Knox,	160.72
Reuben Vaughn,	48.36
Wilber Hussey,	6.00
L. E. Irish,	75.00
Arthur Hazelton,	15.00
G. H. Libby,	3.10
James Kerr,	9.20
Thomas Cunningham,	23.40
C. S. Luce,	1.50
Victor Eastman,	2.00
Isadore Dragoon,	58.33
Wendell Poland,	59.33
B. C. Kidder,	17.67
Sidney Hazelton,	7.33
Alex. Dragoon,	16.33
P. K. Child,	67.33
Harold Child,	67.00
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Total expenditures,	\$1,000.00

SNOW BILLS FOR 1919 AND 1920

Appropriated,	\$500.00
Unexpended from 1918,	301.96
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Total amount available,	\$801.96
Paid Charles Frost & Son,	\$14.30
Maurice Bishop,	5.25
A. L. Harlow,	.85
J. C. Oldham,	5.13
James E. Irish,	3.00

E. E. Howard,	12.00
William Johnson,	6.60
W. H. Cox,	4.73
H. B. Packard,	1.80
A. B. McIntire,	3.87
H. H. Lunt,	6.50
D. W. Oldham,	3.62
J. R. Morrill & Son,	15.35
E. M. Gammon,	2.34
C. F. Porter,	3.25
P. C. Sharland,	6.25
Alfred Elliott,	5.44
A. W. Knight,	1.80
John Burgess,	5.15
O. R. Delano,	2.75
Willard Cobb,	2.00
Alex. McFee,	7.00
E. E. Demeritt,	4.20
G. L. Rowe,	1.75
Oscar Putnam,	2.25
V. W. Farrar,	4.20
F. F. Bartlett,	3.37
S. H. McIntire,	3.25
U. G. McIntire,	2.25
C. W. Knox,	3.75
E. W. Knox,	7.32
C. M. White,	20.50
P. C. Sharland,	13.08
E. G. Child,	10.60
John Burgess & Son,	6.40
G. A. Knox,	24.60
Hall Bros.,	15.00
O. O. Tracy,	5.40
E. C. Knox,	5.40
E. B. Fletcher,	10.80
Charles Porter,	1.75
Charles Frost & Son,	25.05
Benjamin Bigelow,	3.60
W. J. Bryant,	8.40
L. O. Babb,	8.00
C. L. Knox,	13.30
A. B. McIntire,	10.75
A. Mockus,	9.60

Alex. McFee,	15.60
A. W. Knight,	12.00
H. R. Robinson & Son,	4.80
Kidder Bros.,	4.00
E. B. Knox,	4.00
E. P. Burgess,	8.80
A. G. Walker,	26.00
W. C. Stevens,	4.80
M. H. Oldham,	14.00
W. J. Bryant,	7.80
E. E. Howard,	32.90
Lewis Jacques,	4.00
Glenroy Miller,	4.00
A. G. Howard,	4.00
J. C. Oldham,	5.95
W. S. Haines,	2.00
Emery Cox,	3.50
B. D. Packard,	8.47
Harold Packard,	14.24
A. S. Holman,	9.24
Fred Russell,	4.80
A. L. Harlow,	1.54
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Total expenditures,	\$539.99
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Unexpended balance,	\$261.97

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES

Appropriated,	\$500.00
Paid F. W. Sanborn for printing 1918 report,	\$ 38.50
Dr. W. M. Pease for recording births and deaths,	17.50
E. S. Newton for chemicals for fumigating,	4.50
Loring, Short & Harmon for town books,	19.68
Superintendent's incidentals,	36.74
Mrs. Etta A. Putnam, soldiers' wives' pension,	28.00
H. R. Robinson for express on sealer's supplies,	2.04

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New England Road Machine Co. for repairs to road machine,	8.10
Linus Libby for damages to sheep by dogs,	306.00
E. S. Newton for labor on road machine,	8.97
Henry Nelson for drawing town plan,	15.00
Fairbanks Scale Co., for supplies for sealer of weights and measures,	5.75
M. H. Babb for culvert stone for special State road,	6.00
Arthur Hazelton for gravel for special State road,	30.00
L. K. Lovejoy for damages to sheep by dogs,	180.00
Carl M. White for damages to sheep by dogs,	90.00
Maurice Bishop for labor on town line,	3.50
Thomas Cunningham for gravel and damages on account of State road,	15.00
Henry Nelson, $\frac{1}{2}$ expense for perambulating Peru and Rumford town line,	40.25
Register of Probate for copy of the Florilla Phinney will,	1.00
E. S. Newton for drill steel for working State road,	15.54
Dr. J. S. Sturtevant for recording births and deaths,	3.00
Dr. J. M. Sturtevant for recording births and deaths,	1.00
Howard Turner for Clerk's incidentals,	4.75
H. R. Robinson for Treasurer's incidentals,	3.20
A. B. McIntire for Selectmen's incidentals,	3.38
H. R. Robinson & Son for use of watering tub,	5.00
J. C. Wyman for use of watering tub,	3.00
E. S. Demeritt for use of watering tub,	5.00
George Conant for use of watering tub,	3.00
James E. Irish for use of watering tub,	3.00

Total expenditures,

\$906.40

Received from State, damages to sheep,	\$576.00	
Received from State, soldiers' wives pensions,	28.00	
	<u> </u>	\$604.00
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		\$302.40
Unexpended balance,		\$197.60

ABATEMENTS

ON 1919 TAX

Fred Johnson, sickness,	\$5.29	
Perley Frost, paid in Lewiston,	3.00	
Arden Hildreth, unable to locate,	3.00	
Alton L. York, blindness,	3.00	
Frank L. Knox, paid in Rumford,	3.00	
John Burns, illegal,	.85	
Henry Peters, illegal,	1.19	
William Holman, unable to locate,	3.40	
Stephen Penley, illegal,	.85	
Thomas Penley, illegal,	.85	
Frank B. Southworth, illegal,	.44	
	<u> </u>	
Total,		\$24.87

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

Nathan S. Flagg,	\$3.00	
Denis O'Connor,	3.00	
	<u> </u>	\$6.00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Appropriated,	\$600.00	
Unexpended balance from 1918,	177.03	
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Amount available,		\$777.03
Paid A. B. McIntire, Selectman,	\$178.50	
E. B. Knox, Selectman,	171.00	
W. B. Kidder, Selectman,	112.85	

H. R. Robinson, treasurer,	65.00	
Howard Turner, clerk,	45.00	
L. E. Irish, tax collector,	256.35	
M. H. Oldham, member of school board,		
C. N. Child, member of school board,		
W. S. Haines, member of school board,		
E. G. Child for services as moderator,	3.50	
E. G. Child, member of board of health,		
W. B. Kidder, member of board of health,		
E. S. Newton, member of board of health,	7.50	
W. B. Kidder, fire warden,		
H. R. Robinson, ballot clerk,	3.00	
E. P. Burgess, ballot clerk,	3.00	
		\$845.70
Overdrawn,		\$68.67

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN FEB. 12, 1920

Resources

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$1,548.97
Tax deeds on hand,	398.13
Due on tax bills of 1917,	126.80
Due on tax bills of 1919,	223.77
Due from Lewiston on Emma Morris account,	26.00
	\$2,323.67

Liabilities

Outstanding orders,	\$1,399.74
	\$923.93

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. McINTIRE,
E. B. KNOX,
W. B. KIDDER,

Selectmen of Peru.

Treasurer's Report

H. R. ROBINSON, Treasurer

Dr.

To Cash on hand Feb. 11, 1919,	\$ 1,981.06
Tax deeds on hand,	451.63
Delinquent tax bills of 1917,	126.80
Delinquent tax bills of 1918,	68.08
Poll taxes, bills of 1919,	636.00
Taxes on estates of 1919,	12,392.15
Supplementary taxes of 1919,	53.45
Interest on tax deeds,	12.50
Loan for the town by E. B. Knox,	500.00
Town clerk for dog licenses,	145.00
H. W. Coburn for stove sold,	5.00
Town of Dixfield for tuition of Horace Tyler,	4.05
Loan from Kidder Bros.,	1,500.00
State for soldiers' widow pensions,	18.00
Loan from Kidder Bros.,	450.00
State for wives of soldiers, State aid,	60.00
Town of Paris on pauper account,	19.99
A. B. Tyler, auctioneer's license,	2.00
Loan from Rumford Falls Trust Co.,	800.00
C. H. Towle for overcharge on cement,	2.00
Two lots sold in East Peru Cemetery,	20.00
State equalization fund,	255.00
Dog licenses refunded,	13.10
State school and mill fund,	674.42
State common school fund,	692.03
State R. R. and Tel. tax,	.08
State High School fund,	353.33
State damages to domestic animals,	576.00
State improvement of State aid road,	716.53
State highway department,	746.36
State soldiers' widows' pensions,	24.00
	—————\$23,298.57

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By paid Maria Gammon, State pension,	\$ 42.00
E. B. Knox, note and interest,	514.58
State dog licenses,	150.00
County tax,	731.82
State tax,	2,679.56
Kidder Bros., note and interest,	1,542.50
Kidder Bros., note and interest,	459.81
State for patrol highway,	595.05
Rumford Falls Trust Co., note and int.,	812.33
Town orders turned over,	13,457.32
Tax deeds on hand,	414.06
Due on tax bills of 1917,	126.80
Due on tax bills of 1919,	223.77
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	\$21,749.60
Cash to balance,	1,548.97
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	\$23,298.57

Superintendent of Schools' Report

To the Citizens of the Town of Peru:—

I have the honor to present for your consideration the annual report of the condition of your schools.

My second year's work among you has been very pleasant, and I can say with candor that, as a whole, the people of Peru take an active interest in the school life of their children. I think that the parents realize that only by co-operation with the teacher and the school officials, can a desirable standard of schools be maintained.

The cardinal virtues of the school are regular attendance and punctuality, and it is the duty of the parent to inculcate these virtues in the minds of their children, so that in early life they form the habit of being on the job every day and on time.

Your teachers have shown an interest in their work and have accomplished good results. At the wages we pay it is necessary to employ some teachers without previous experience. At present we have two such teachers, and I am glad to say that they have made good and have done all, and more, than we could expect of them.

In my last year's report the attendance for all the schools was given as 79%, and I urged that we make 90% our goal for this year. This goal has not been reached, but a very substantial gain was made, the average for the year being 84.7%. Had it not been for sickness at West Peru, and pupils entering and leaving in the middle of the terms at the Union and Dickvale schools an average of nearly 90% would have been attained. Let us make another effort this year for that splendid average.

The best average of the year was at the Worthley Pond school where the fine average of 89.4% was secured. These figures have been compiled from the registers of four terms beginning with the winter term, 1919, which were not finished when the last annual report was made.

The schools are fairly well supplied with text-books. It will be necessary to provide a new History for the 6th grade this year in accordance with the State course of study now in use throughout the State. This History and some reading books for the lower grades are all the new books it will be necessary to purchase. During the year the upper grades have been supplied

with "Maine, My State", as reading material. This is a book dealing wholly with our own State and is of great value for supplementary reading and study. Our older pupils are acquiring a great deal of knowledge of town and State history and government by means of text book and outline work. I am glad to say that this is being done, as it is vitally necessary, in my mind, that our young people should be more familiar with local and State affairs.

Many needed repairs have been made this year, especially in the buildings at West Peru and at Peru. The grammar room at West Peru has been made much warmer by the construction of a partition between the school room and the stage. A sand table has been placed in the primary room, also the floor has been raised under the first grade seats so that the little people can touch their feet and sit much more comfortably.

At Peru a Hero Heating and Ventilating system has been installed. This has proved to be a success and is very satisfactory.

The town is again fortunate in receiving from the State as its proportional part of the equalization fund, the sum of \$100.00. According to their instructions this is to be used towards the construction of a sanitary toilet.

It is your Committee's recommendation that this work be done at East Peru, and as more wood room is necessary there, they deem it advisable to build a combined wood shed and toilet, connected with the school room, in accordance with State specifications. It is estimated that it will require about \$300.00 for this job, and the Committee ask for a town appropriation of \$200.00.

This is a step in the right direction, and I hope that each year will see a school equipped with a sanitary toilet until all the buildings are brought up to the required standard in this respect. The present condition of toilets is the greatest evil connected with our schools today and, with the State aid each year, there seems to be no reason why this evil cannot be eradicated with nominal expense to the town.

I had hoped to be able to report unexpended balances in all school accounts, but I am unable to do so.

The overdraft in the common school account was caused by a necessary increase in janitor work and teachers' salaries of about \$150.00, and an increase in transportation bills of about \$200.00. However, the overdraft is only about half as large as it was last year, and with the amount estimated for the coming year, I

think it can be paid unless something unforeseen takes place. The estimate for this year is based on a school year of 32 weeks. My idea would be to have the 32 weeks if possible, but if there would be an overdraft under that plan on account of necessary increases in any department, why we can cut off one or two weeks.

The estimate for High School tuition is large, and it is necessary, from the fact that tuition charges have increased and that there is an unusually large number of students attending the various High Schools. We have 10 at Dixfield, 11 at Canton, 4 at Rumford, and 1 at Hebron. Dixfield charges \$36.00 per year and the others \$45.00.

The following estimates have been carefully considered by your Committee and myself and are as low as we dared recommend. The increase over last year is about 32%, but this is a less increase than in several nearby towns where the increase is over 40%.

Common Schools,	\$3,200.00
High School tuition,	725.00
Books and supplies,	150.00
Repairs,	175.00
Special repairs, East Peru,	200.00
Superintendence,	160.00
History of Maine,	25.00

Overdrafts are included in the above.

The last item is to raise money for a History of Maine, which was ordered in the summer of 1918 by your former Superintendent and which was delivered only a short time ago. This is an extremely valuable work in three volumes, just published, and should be owned by every town.

In closing, I wish to thank the Committee for their assistance and co-operation in the administration of school affairs, and for the stand they have taken in the effort to raise the schools to the proper standard.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COBURN,

Superintendent.

The following tabular statement shows the teachers' wages, number of weeks, and average attendance of each school for the year:

TABULATED SCHOOL STATEMENT

School	Weeks of School	No. Registered	Average Attend.	Teacher	Wages per Week
Winter, 1919					
West, Grammar.....	10	14	12.24	Marian Waterhouse.....	\$12 00
West, Primary.....	8	17	12.35	Nancy B. Millett.....	10 50
Dickvale.....	10	9	7.02	Pauline Works.....	10 00
Union.....	8	14	12.10	Helen I. Pinkham.....	10 00
Center.....	11	23	21.60	Minnie P. Buker.....	15 00
East Peru.....	10	14	11.18	Grace Record.....	12 00
Pond.....	10	16	14.60	Maebelle Bassett.....	11 00
Attendance 85.1%					
Spring, 1919					
West, Grammar.....	10	17	13.55	Marian Waterhouse.....	12 00
West, Primary.....	12	20	16.56	Nancy B. Millett.....	12 00
Dickvale.....	10	10	7.87	Pauline Works.....	10 00
Union.....	12	15	14.13	Helen I. Pinkham.....	10 00
Center.....	11	29	23.59	Minnie P. Buker.....	15 00
East Peru.....	10	17	13.60	Grace Record.....	12 00
Pond.....	10	15	12.80	Maebelle Bassett.....	11 00
Attendance 83%					
Fall, 1920					
West, Grammar.....	12	17	15.52	Edna Plummer.....	15 00
West, Primary.....	12	24	19.06	Nancy B. Millett.....	15 00
Dickvale.....	12	10	8.11	Dorothy S. Swett.....	10 00
Union.....	12	17	12.13	Georgia Witham.....	10 00
Center.....	12	20	17.56	Minnie P. Buker.....	15 00
East Peru.....	12	14	13.45	Helen I. Pinkham.....	12 00
Pond.....	12	13	11.24	Grace Record.....	13 00
Attendance 84.4%					
Winter, 1920					
West, Grammar.....	8	18	16.10	Edna Plummer.....	15 00
West, Primary.....	8	21	16.01	Nancy B. Millett.....	15 00
Dickvale.....	8	11	7.56	Dorothy S. Swett.....	12 00
Union.....	8	12	10.24	Georgia Witham.....	12 00
Center.....	8	19	16.74	Minnie P. Buker.....	15 00
East Peru.....	8	14	12.35	Helen I. Pinkham.....	12 00
Pond.....	3 5	12	11.45	Grace Record.....	13 00
				George Coburn.....	14 00
Attendance 87%					

 COMMON SCHOOLS

Receipts

Appropriation,	\$2,700.00
Interest on school fund,	34.38
Town of Dixfield, tuition,	4.05
State, school and mill fund,	674.42
State, common school fund,	692.03
Equalization fund,	155.00
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	\$4,259.88
Overdraft, 1919,	638.37
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Available,	\$3,621.51

Expenditures

Teaching,	\$3,056.00
Fuel,	301.55
Janitor service,	177.50
Conveyance,	411.00
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	\$3,946.05
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Overdrawn,	\$324.54

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Receipts

Appropriation,	\$200.00
Unexpended, 1919,	167.50
State,	353.38
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Available,	\$720.88

Expenditures

Town of Canton,	\$440.50
Dixfield,	300.00
Rumford,	60.00
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	\$800.50
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Overdrawn,	\$79.62

 BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Receipts

Appropriation,	\$150.00
Overdraft, 1919,	6.36

Available,	\$143.64
Expended,	160.37

Overdrawn,	\$16.73
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REPAIRS

Receipts

Appropriation,	\$200.00
Overdraft, 1919,	69.07

Available,	\$130.93
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Expenditures

Repairs at West Peru,	\$83.32
Dickvale,	17.24
Center,	44.10
East Peru,	14.70
Pond,	8.90

	\$168.26
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Overdrawn,	\$32.33
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SPECIAL EQUALIZATION FUND FOR 1919

Receipts

Appropriation,	\$75.00
State, unexpended, 1919,	90.00
Sale of stove,	5.00

Available,	\$170.00
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Expenditures

Hero Furnace Co.,	\$158.14
Freight and carting,	7.86

	\$166.00
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Unexpended,	\$4.00
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 SPECIAL EQUALIZATION FUND FOR 1920

Received from State,	\$100.00	
Unexpended from 1919 fund,	4.00	
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Balance for 1920,		\$104.00

SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation,	\$150.00	
Overdraft, 1919,	18.27	
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Available,		\$131.73
Expended,		131.65
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Unexpended,		\$.08

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE EXPENSE

John S. Harlow, 1/5 typewriter,	\$10.00	
G. O. Gardner, ledger,	1.15	
Holt Brothers, stationery, etc.,	3.20	
Shaw-Walker Co., 1/5 filing cabinet,	10.04	
Shaw-Walker Co., school forms,	4.64	
H. W. Coburn, postage and telephone,	7.71	
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		\$36.74

Town Clerk's Report

BIRTHS RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1920

- Mar. 2, to the wife of Ray J. Tyler, a son.
Apr. 15, to the wife of Geo. H. Conant, a son.
May 23, to the wife of Alton L. Lovejoy, a son.
July 28, to the wife of Clarence A. Ridlon, a son.
Sept. 8, to the wife of Walter H. Cunningham, a son.
Oct. 3, to the wife of Herman L. Fuller, a daughter.
Nov. 11, to the wife of Ira A. Gammon, a daughter.
Nov. 12, to the wife of John J. O'Connor, a daughter.
Nov. 17, to the wife of Harry E. Staples, a son.
Dec. 4, to the wife of Harold D. Packard, a daughter.
Dec. 12, to the wife of Herbert E. Knox, a daughter.

MARRIAGES RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1920

- Feb. 21, at Peru, by Rev. G. J. Gilbert, Mr. Leon M. Allen to Miss Mary M. Porter, both of Peru.
June 20, at Peru, by Howard Turner, Esq., Mr. Chas. C. Hotham to Mrs. Gertrude M. Young, both of Peru.
July 3, at Peru, by Howard Turner, Esq., Mr. Harold McIntire of Peru, to Miss Arline Vigue of Waterville.
July 11, at Peru, by Howard Turner, Esq., Mr. George E. Farrar of Peru, to Miss Marguerite M. Aldrich of Westfield, Mass.
Nov. 23, at Mexico, by Rev. Ransom E. Gilkey, Mr. Arthur E. Child, to Miss Georgie E. Pinkham, both of Peru.
Jan. 12, at Dixfield, by Rev. Ransom E. Gilkey, Mr. Merle B. Knox, to Miss Gladys M. Babb, both of Peru.

DEATHS RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1920

Feb. 21, at Cambridge, Mass., Edward S. Virgin, 54 years 25 days.

Mar. 17, Walter J. Lovejoy, 7 months 27 days.

Apr. 4, Archile L. Jacques, 53 years 22 days.

July 10, John S. Russell, 43 years 7 months 21 days.

July 13, at Farmington, Bertha T. Woodsum, 47 years 8 months 4 days.

July 14, at Auburn, Keziah M. Bray, 95 years 3 months 26 days.

Sept. 30, Orville K. Walton, 78 years 3 months 24 days.

Oct. 14, at Norway, Rose Clark, 81 years 8 months 8 days.

Nov. 20, at Dixfield, Cora E. Crockett, 54 years 7 months 1 day.

Nov. 24, Baby Annie Jeselskis.

Dec. 19, Clinton F. Porter, 50 years 9 months 19 days.

HOWARD TURNER, Town Clerk.