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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

TOWN of PERU

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 6th

1925



PRESS OF MERRILL & WEBBER COMPANY  
AUBURN, MAINE

# TOWN OFFICERS

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*Moderator*

ELBRIDGE G. CHILD

*Town Clerk*

HOWARD TURNER

*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor*

E. B. KNOX      C. H. ROBINSON      JOHN BURGESS

Unexpired term of JOHN BURGESS—E. G. CHILD

*Treasurer*

HENRY R. ROBINSON

*Collector of Taxes*

WILLARD S. ARNOLD

*Constables*

W. S. ARNOLD

WILLIAM T. HILL

CHAS. N. CHILD

*Superintending School Committee*

CLEMENTINE WALKER

ISAAC A. SEARLES

MABELLE ROBINSON

*Superintendent of Schools*

E. L. TONER

*Board of Health*

H. L. SHAW

O. T. WOODBURY

A. W. KNIGHT

*Health Officer*

H. LOWELL SHAW

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

H. L. SHAW, resigned

G. H. CONANT

*Road Commissioner*

MANLEY M. FARRAR

*Fire Warden and Inspector*

GEO. H. CONANT

*Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber*

W. J. BRYANT

C. H. ROBINSON

ISAAC A. SEARLES

*Sextons*

WALTER CUNNINGHAM

ADNA W. KNIGHT

OSBORNE O. TRACY

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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The Selectmen of the Town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending February 6, 1925.

### VALUATION

Real estate, resident,	\$ 221,400 00	
Real estate, non-resident,	91,475 00	
Total real estate,		\$ 312,875 00
Personal estate, resident,	\$ 88,161 00	
Personal estate, non-resident,	18,325 00	
Total amount personal estate,		\$ 106,486 00
Total valuation,		\$ 419,361 00
Value of land		\$ 162,916 00
Value of buildings,		149,959 00

### TAXABLE LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses and mules,	212	\$85 75	\$18,180 00
Colts, 3 to 4,	4	87 50	350 00
Cows,	452	31 27	14,134 00
Oxen,	2	62 50	125 00
Three years old,	72	29 90	2,153 00
Two years old,	86	21 44	1,844 00
Hens,			925 00
Total value,			\$ 37,711 00

## EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
One year old,	98	\$11 53	\$1,130 00
Sheep,	140	4 80	673 00
Swine,	168	8 10	1,361 00
Hens,			3,314 00
Total value of exempt live stock,			\$ 6,478 00

## ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade, 5,	\$ 14,300 00
Small boat,	30 00
Logs,	5,400 00
Wood and bark,	14,050 00
Pulp wood,	900 00
Automobiles, 146,	28,560 00
Musical Instruments, 54,	4,270 00
Furniture,	750 00
Material in stock,	100 00
Other property,	415 00
Amount,	\$ 68,775 00
Total livestock brought forward,	37,711 00
Total amount of taxable personal property,	\$106,486 00

## APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

State tax,	\$ 2,777 40
County tax,	838 67
For support of common schools,	3,500 00
Support of poor,	850 00
Summer roads and bridges,	4,000 00
Winter roads,	1,200 00
Miscellaneous town charges,	700 00
Town officer's bills,	1,000 00
Memorial purposes,	10 00
Interest on school fund,	34 38

High school tuition,	1,800 00
Text books and supplies,	200 00
Repairs on school houses,	150 00
School flags,	10 00
State Aid construction,	533 00
State Aid road No. 2, maintenance,	23 40
State and State Aid road main- tenance	100 00
Resolve and State Aid No. 3 maintenance,	17 05
Third Class road maintenance,	25 00
Dixfield-Peru ferry maintenance,	200 00
Mexico-Peru Bridge maintenance,	100 00
Metal culverts,	300 00
Painting road bridges,	100 00
Interest on John Burgess loan,	100 00
Salary, Supt. of Schools,	240 00
Care of cemeteries,	150 00

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Total appropriation,	\$ 18,958 90
Overlay,	204 02
Supplementary,	69 16

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Total tax committed to collector, \$ 19,232 08

Number of polls taxed, 237.

Number of polls not taxed, 24.

Poll tax, \$3.00.

Rate of taxation, .044.

#### SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriated,	\$4,000 00
Overdrawn,	\$ 41 84
Patrol allowance,	462 60
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	\$ 504 44
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Available for unpatrolled roads,	\$ 3,495 56

**M. M. Farrar, Road Commissioner**

Paid M. M. Farrar, labor,	\$ 363 52
Benjamin Lovejoy,	132 53
Henry Hall,	9 75
Joe Remeka,	271 90
Elmer Child,	219 25
Barrett Leighton,	51 00
Arthur Child,	206 15
Roy Knox,	494 00
Isaac Searles,	51 47
Alex McFee,	25 00
Edward Dolloff,	2 45
Alton Burgess,	14 88
Carroll Oldham,	152 54
Thos. Saunders,	113 00
Charlie Porter,	80 75
M. H. Oldham,	56 48
Chas. Clark,	12 81
A. G. Walker,	101 60
Emerson Oldham,	48 12
E. E. Howard,	338 71
Freeborn Smith, for gravel,	30 30
W. I. Johnson,	83 52
John Oldham,	94 37
P. K. Child,	16 75
Alton York, hauling gravel,	2 00
Harry Pinkham, labor,	5 98
Wilber Chenery,	57 25
W. S. Haines,	62 01
L. F. Oldham,	10 00
Nelson Lufkin,	3 25
F. A. Lamb,	4 44
A. L. Harlow,	22 36
C. M. White, for road tools,	8 00
C. A. Lane, for plank,	113 92
Fred Eastman,	10 00

Jas. Irish,	10 30	
Berger Mfg. Co., for culverts,	127 00	
C. H. Towle,	6 47	
Willis McGuire,	48 75	
D. C. Chenery,	23 52	
E. W. Sturtevant,	45 50	
Frank Searles,	25 45	
A. W. Knight,	13 65	
L. H. Davenport, two bridge stringers,	2 00	
Wilber Hussey,	3 25	
Joe Albert, for gravel,	3 10	
W. H. Chadbourne,	16 48	
V. A. Eastman,	15 95	
W. J. Bryant,	1 40	
H. E. Knox,	18 00	
W. C. Knox,	6 50	
Arthur Eastman,	10 00	
E. G. Child,	2 16	
I. C. Kidder, supplies,	13 23	
Peter Dragoon, for plank,	34	
C. L. Knox, labor and plank,	14 93	
J. C. Morrill,	25 00	
Isadore Dragoon,	13 97	
U. G. McIntire,	3 72	
North East Metal Culvert Co., for road machine,	210 00	
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Expended,		\$ 3,930 28

In orders listed above,

Paid for maintenance Third Class road,	\$ 25 00
Paid for Maintenance Resolve and State Aid Road No. 3,	17 05
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Amt. maintenance to be taken from Summer roads,	\$ 42 05
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Total expense Summer roads,	\$ 3,888 23
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Overdrawn,	\$ 392 67

### MAINTENANCE THIRD CLASS ROADS

Appropriated,	\$ 25 00
Expended,	25 00

### MAINTENANCE RESOLVE & STATE AID ROAD NO. 3

Appropriated,	\$ 17 05
Expended,	17 05

### PATROL MAINTENANCE STATE AID ROADS

Appropriated,	100 00
Unexpended,	6 10
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Available,	\$ 106 10
Paid State,	87 90
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Unexpended,	\$ 18 20

### MAINTENANCE STATE AID ROAD NO. 2

Appropriated,	\$ 23 40
Overdrawn,	60
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Available,	\$ 22 80
Expended,	42 37
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Overdrawn,	\$ 19 57

## STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Appropriated by town, 1924,	\$ 533 00	
Appropriated by State, 1924,	708 89	
Unexpended in 1923,	57 04	
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Available,		\$ 1,298 93

**M. M. Farrar, Foreman**

Paid M. M. Farrar, for labor,	\$ 74 25	
John Oldham,	56 67	
Emerson Oldham,	58 67	
Carroll Oldham,	51 33	
E. B. Knox,	82 33	
A. G. Walker,	94 25	
W. S. Haines,	60 00	
Leslie Irish,	108 00	
Harold Packard,	120 00	
Merle Knox,	24 50	
E. E. Howard,	52 00	
Walter Poland,	35 00	
Elsid Howard,	10 00	
W. I. Johnson,	17 87	
James Irish, for gravel,	50 77	
C. A. Lane, for material,	4 40	
P. K. Child, for labor,	36 75	
W. J. Bryant, for material,	14 15	
Berger Mfg. Co., culverts,	168 72	
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Expenditures,		\$ 1,119 66
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Unexpended,		\$ 179 27

## THIRD CLASS ROAD ACCOUNT

Appropriated by State,	\$ 975 56
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Unexpended,	24 47	
Available,		\$ 1,000 03

**M. M. Farrar, Foreman**

Paid M. M. Farrar, for labor,	\$ 69 75	
Emerson Oldham,	62 00	
Carroll Oldham,	50 75	
J. C. Oldham,	42 00	
Benj. Lovejoy,	40 62	
Roy Knox,	39 00	
E. W. Sturtevant,	94 25	
Elmer Child,	36 75	
D. C. Chenery,	49 00	
Alton York,	117 33	
Arthur Child,	39 00	
Joe Remeka,	45 50	
Frank Searles,	19 50	
Leslie Irish,	108 00	
Willis McGuire,	16 25	
Charles Root, for gravel,	20 40	
F. A. Smith, for gravel,	18 00	
C. A. Lane, for cement,	2 20	
Berger Mfg. Co., for culverts,	123 12	
Expended,		\$ 993 42
Unexpended,		\$ 6 61

**WINTER ROADS**

Appropriated,	\$ 1,200 00	
Overdrawn,	18 12	
Available,		\$ 1,181 88

Paid M. M. Farrar, labor,	\$ 6 20
Barrett Leighton,	1 75
C. H. Robinson,	8 00
E. B. Knox,	8 07
C. W. Knox,	6 60
R. L. Ford,	44 00
Bennie Dragoon,	1 05
Daniel Lovejoy,	16 05
Glenroy Miller,	10 80
William Gross,	4 20
Carroll Oldham,	1 65
Emerson Oldham,	1 65
James Irish,	11 20
H. E. Knox,	6 98
A. G. Howard,	8 05
William Hutchinson,	7 80
A. W. Knight,	11 52
Melvin Lovejoy,	2 25
C. A. Hoar,	37 00
John Godish,	1 95
W. J. Bryant,	10 02
James Miller,	18 85
Dominike Majeikis,	17 28
Fred Luce,	3 33
E. E. Howard,	61 80
A. G. Walker,	24 00
H. M. Packard,	1 90
M. M. Farrar,	29 25
Benj. Lovejoy,	29 42
Arthur Child,	5 00
Leon Estes,	15 64
Joe Remeka,	35 16
Elmer Child,	21 12
Barrett Leighton,	19 50
L. F. Oldham,	4 87
Roy Knox,	3 25

Ed. Lufkin,	5 00
Isaac Searles,	3 25
E. P. Burgess,	3 93
H. E. Knox,	13 03
Carl Hoar,	11 20
J. Berton Emery,	2 40
B. D. Packard,	13 36
Hale I. Byron,	7 65
W. S. Haines,	2 80
Antoni Mockus,	9 67
Carroll Oldham,	87
James Irish,	2 10
A. L. Lovejoy,	14 17
John Wiken,	2 10
A. G. Howard,	2 80
D. W. Oldham,	19 71
J. C. Oldham,	5 40
Robert Gillespie,	1 80
C. L. Robinson,	2 70
Charles Root,	31 25
J. C. Oldham,	4 95
Dominick Levi,	1 05
R. J. Tyler,	28 20
Richard Gill,	4 45
E. W. Sturtevant,	14 00
C. L. Knox,	16 45
Nelson Lufkin,	5 40
H. S. Gammon,	5 72
L. F. Oldham,	7 50
D. W. Oldham,	20 85
J. R. Morrill & Son,	10 10
W. W. Tainter,	11 20
Alphonse Ferland,	2 10
H. E. Knox,	8 55
Alphonse Ferland,	9 10
Charles Luce,	6 00

M. R. Tracy,	4 20
H. E. Knox,	11 52
E. E. Demeritt,	7 00
Walter Blake,	23 10
Robert Gillespie,	32 20
Maurice Oldham,	3 50
Fred Luce,	3 50
Millard Kidder,	2 45
E. E. Howard,	23 10
H. L. Shaw,	5 25
E. B. Knox,	14 00
L. H. Irish,	5 25
C. L. Knox,	15 25
H. R. Robinson,	11 90
A. W. Knight,	20 99
Frank Searles,	4 37
Isaac Searles,	4 90
Peter Dragoon,	1 93
H. M. Packard,	1 58
M. O. Walker,	4 20
W. H. Hines,	4 55
R. V. Robinson,	4 55
D. S. Bryant,	4 55
Carl Hoar,	33 60
M. M. Farrar,	11 55
Walter Cunningham,	21 35
Benj. Bigelow,	22 05
C. W. Knox,	8 75
Alphonse Ferland,	31 85
D. W. Oldham,	30 27
V. W. Farrar,	5 60
B. J. Roberts,	5 25
R. L. Ford,	90 00
C. L. Robinson,	1 58
B. C. Putnam,	8 10
Elmer Child,	3 55

Sidney Goggin,	7 53	
E. G. Child,	6 47	
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Expended,		\$ 1,309 31
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Overdrawn,		\$ 127 43

#### PERU-MEXICO BRIDGE ACCOUNT

Appropriated,	\$100 00	
Unexpended,	36 52	
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Available,		\$ 136 52
Paid Town of Dixfield,		72 70
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Unexpended,		\$ 63 82

#### BRIDGE PAINTING ACCOUNT

Appropriated,	\$ 100 00	
Unexpended,	150 00	
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Available,		\$ 250 00
Paid I. C. Kidder, for material,	\$ 42 75	
Leslie Irish, for labor,	150 00	
C. H. Towle, for brushes,	5 30	
Clough & Pillsbury, for material,	1 41	
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Expended,		\$ 199 46
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Unexpended,		\$ 50 54

#### PERU-DIXFIELD FERRY ACCOUNT

Appropriated,	\$ 200 0	
Unexpended,	100 57	
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Available,		\$ 300 57

Paid E. B. Knox, labor,	\$ 2 00	
H. M. Packard,	1 60	
C. H. Robinson,	2 00	
Chester Knox, for small boat,	35 00	
I. C. Kidder, labor and material,	22 87	
Carroll Robinson, labor,	1 20	
C. H. Robinson,	3 00	
A. W. Knight,	1 40	
Adolph Grudginsky,	225 75	
E. B. Knox,	3 00	
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Expended,		\$ 297 82
Received from Town of Dixfield,		148 91
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Unexpended,		\$ 151 66

#### METAL CULVERT ACCOUNT

Appropriated,	\$ 300 00	
Unexpended,	18 40	
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Available,		\$ 318 40
Paid North East Metal Culvert Co.,		313 21
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Unexpended,		\$ 5 19

#### REBUILDING OLD ROAD MACHINE FOR WINTER USE

Unexpended,	\$ 30 00
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#### CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Appropriated,	\$ 150 00	
Unexpended,	16 81	
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Available,		\$ 166 81



Paid Walter Cunningham,	\$ 15 00	
A. W. Knight,	3 00	
E. G. Child,	10 50	
O. O. Tracy,	23 66	
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Expended,		\$ 52 16
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Unexpended,		\$ 114 65

### FENCING UNPROTECTED CEMETERIES AND REMOVING BODIES

Available,		\$ 85 85
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### HOLLIS TURNER CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Available,	\$ 71 89	
Expended,	9 00	
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Unexpended,		\$ 62 89

### CUSHMAN CEMETERY LOT ACCOUNT

Interest for 1923, unexpended,	\$ 12	
Interest for 1924,	2 00	
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Available,		\$ 2 12

### MEMORIAL PURPOSES

Appropriation,	\$ 10 00	
Unexpended,	6 54	
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Available,		\$ 16 54
Paid I. C. Kidder,		8 00
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Unexpended,		\$ 8 54

## INTEREST ON BURGESS' LOAN ACCOUNT

Appropriated,	\$ 100 00
Paid John Burgess,	100 00

## POOR ACCOUNT

Appropriation,	\$ 850 00
Unexpended,	223 79

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Available,	\$ 1,073 79
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Paid Mrs. E. W. Knox, for support and care of A. J. Hall,	\$ 372 00
C. A. Lane for supplies,	2 30
I. C. Kidder for supplies,	9 50

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Expended,	\$ 383 80
Rec'd from State account blindness A. J. Hall,	180 00

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Net expense for A. J. Hall,	\$ 203 80
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Paid Mrs. Bertha Searles for sup- port and care of H. A. Clark,	\$ 260 00
Atherton 1/2 cost wheel chair,	22 30
H. A. Moody M. D., for glasses,	9 42

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Expended for H. A. Clark,	\$ 291 72
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Paid Mrs. Bertha Searles for board and sup- plies for Mrs. Etta Bowker,	33 70
Paid James G. Tyler Est., for board and care Fred Eastman's children in 1923,	54 00
Paid Mrs. Selma Farrar for board, care and tobacco, for Simmeon Morrill,	\$ 314 70

I. C. Kidder for clothing,	2 60	
H. A. Moody M. D., for glasses,	9 43	
E. B. Knox for moving Morrill from Rumford,	3 00	
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Expended for Simmeon Morrill,		329 73
Paid C. H. Robinson for keeping tramps,		2 00
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Total expense of poor,		\$ 914 95
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Unexpended,		\$ 58 84

### POOR BELONGING TO STATE

Paid Ed. Lufkin, board and care Frank Bartlett,	\$ 427 25	
I. C. Kidder, supplies,	20 90	
J. S. Sturtevant, M. D.,	10 50	
Rumford Hospital Association,	15 00	
Harry B. Marsh, undertaker,	88 00	
John Reed, digging grave,	13 50	
Due from State, 1923,	121 75	
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Expended for Frank Bartlett,		\$ 696 90
Received from State,		448 00
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Due from State,		\$ 248 90

### MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES

Appropriated,	\$ 700 00	
Overdrawn,	219 30	
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Available,		\$ 480 70
Paid for printing Town Reports,	\$ 83 60	
Loring, Short & Harmon, rec- ord books,	16 56	

Howard Turner, Clerk's record books,	7 75
Labor on Patrol Road,	81 40
I. C. Kidder and Frank Herbert, repairs on Town Hall,	22 65
Superintendent's incidentals,	7 62
Blade for Pony road machine,	8 00
W. J. Bryant, plank for patrol road,	43 20
C. M. Bisbee, M. D., birth certif.,	25
A. G. Walker, damage to sheep,	54 00
L. K. Lovejoy, damage to sheep,	48 75
B. D. Packard, damage to sheep,	12 00
Howard Turner, express on ballots,	1 24
M. C. R. R. Co., freight,	17 55
C. H. Robinson, expense to assessor's meeting,	15 00
J. S. Sturtevant, M. D., vital statistics,	8 25
Blade for pony road machine,	8 00
J. A. Thibodeau M. D., birth certif.,	25
G. O. Gardiner, health officer's supplies,	11 80
Jas. Irish, use of water tub,	3 00
B. D. Packard, use of water tub,	2 00
W. H. Phinney, use of water tub,	5 00
H. R. Robinson & Son, use of water tub,	5 00
E. B. Knox, selectmen's incidentals,	5 00
Howard Turner, Clerk's incidentals,	4 50
H. R. Robinson, Treasurer's incidentals,	3 58

Howard Turner, making 14 check lists,	12 00	
Howard Turner, work on State Auditor's account,	6 00	
Howard Turner, typing report and warrant,	5 00	
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Expended,		\$ 498 95
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Overdrawn,		\$ 18 25

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Appropriated,	\$ 1,000 00	
Overdrawn,	176 79	
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Available,		\$ 823 21
Paid John Burgess, selectman,	\$ 76 00	
E. G. Child, moderator,	4 00	
A. B. McIntire, ballot clerk,	8 00	
Walter Cunningham, ballot clerk,	8 00	
B. C. Putnam, ballot clerk,	4 00	
Sylvester Searles, ballot clerk,	4 00	
W. S. Arnold, tax collector,	277 91	
H. L. Shaw, health officer,	12 00	
Howard Turner, town clerk,	60 00	
H. R. Robinson, treasurer,	90 00	
C. H. Robinson, selectman,	190 00	
E. B. Knox, selectman,	200 00	
E. G. Child, selectman,	39 00	
Mrs. C. L. Walker, m. S. C.,	30 00	
Mrs. Mabelle Robinson, m. S. C.,	16 00	
Isaac Searels, m. S. C.,	12 25	
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Expended,		\$1,031 16
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Overdrawn,		\$ 207 95

## DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS

Leon Estes, poll,	\$ 3 00	
Fred Eastman, poll and personal,	3 44	
Frank G. French, poll and personal,	19 72	
William Hutchinson, poll,	3 00	
Denis O'Connor, poll,	3 00	
Earl Howard, poll and personal,	44 80	
Glenna O'Connor, personal,	34 32	
Melvin Willson, poll and personal,	6 30	
	<hr/>	\$ 117 58

## ABATEMENTS

John Burningham, unable to locate,	\$ 3 00	
R. J. Tyler, paid in Gardiner,	3 00	
Duncan Law, unable to pay,	88	
	<hr/>	\$ 6 88
Amount,		\$ 6 88

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

FEBRUARY 6, 1925

**Resources**

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$ 397 84	
Land in Thompson's Grant, Lot 9, Range 10,	300 00	
Due on taxes of 1922,	282 90	
Due on taxes of 1923,	70 00	
Due on taxes of 1924,	116 88	
Tax deeds on hand,	690 93	
Due from State, Frank Bartlett ac- count,	248 90	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,106 75
Total resources,		\$ 2,106 75

**Liabilities**

Loan from John Burgess,	2,000 00
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Resources over liabilities,	\$ 106 75

Respectfully submitted,

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

Selectmen of Peru.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

To cash from last year,	\$ 1,311 87
Tax deeds on hand,	350 15
Due on tax bills of 1922,	282 90
Due on tax bills of 1923,	134 96
Rec'd on Walker cemetery lot,	10 00
State, support of poor,	121 75
State, account A. J. Hall, blind,	45 00
Bank loan,	1,000 00
Town Clerk, dog license,	71 00
Tax bills of 1924,	19,162 92
Town Clerk, dog license,	49 00
Bank loan,	2,500 00
Fred Cunningham, road grader,	13 00
State, support of poor,	113 50
Town Clerk, dog license,	70 00
Bank loan,	1,500 00
Town Clerk, dog license,	11 00
State, account A. J. Hall, blind,	45 00
Bank loan,	300 00
Bank loan,	1,600 00
State, support of poor,	106 75
Cyr P. Cyr, part expense culvert,	25 00
State Highway Dept.,	695 16
State, account A. J. Hall, blind,	45 00
A. S. Holman, brick,	4 75
Supplementary taxes,	69 16
State Highway Dept.,	990 71
Dog license refund,	37 75
State School fund,	2,099 11
R. R. and Tel, tax,	09



Equalization fund,	156 00
Damage domestic animals,	114 75
State, account A. J. Hall, blind,	45 00
Dixfield, 1/2 expense ferry,	148 91
W. S. Haines, for wheels,	10 00
Trusteed bill, Arthur Floyd,	24 90
State, support of poor,	106 00
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	\$ 33,271 09 .

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Paid Patrol maintenance,	\$ 550 50
Int. on loan,	25 00
State, dog license,	200 00
County tax, 1924,	838 67
Int. on loan,	62 50
Loan and interest,	1,005 00
State tax, 1924,	2,777 40
Loan,	2,500 00
Int. on loan,	7 28
Loan,	1,500 00
Int. on loan,	37 50
Loan,	1,900 00
Int. on loan,	32 92
Due on tax bills of 1922,	282 90
Due on tax bills of 1923,	70 00
Due on tax bills of 1924,	116 88
Tax deeds on hand,	690 93
Town orders,	20,275 77
Cash on hand,	397 84
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	\$ 33,271 09

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY R. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the Superintending School Committee of Peru and Citizens:

I herewith respectfully submit the annual report on the condition of your schools.

Having had charge of your schools while in operation only about four months my report will be only general in nature, covering the period since I took charge of the work here.

Your teaching force is composed chiefly of normal trained teachers. This in itself is a step in the right direction. I shall endeavor as far as finances and conditions permit to continue this policy.

Miss Demeritt of the West Peru Primary School was the only teacher retained from last year. I believe that your schools are now being conducted with little friction and that the teachers are getting results. Present indications are that this year all of the Union will run 36 weeks and I trust that sufficient funds will be available to continue this practice. This is one of the essentials if your children are to compare favorably in grading with the children of this and other sections of the State.

### TUITION

Present indications show an increased enrollment of high school students for next year as we have several more graduating from the eighth grade than are graduating from High School next June. However with the balance of \$220.00 we believe that an appropriation of \$1,800, as was made last year will be sufficient for this purpose.

## ATTENDANCE

For the last school year there were 123 pupils registered in your schools; 72 boys and 51 girls. Five of these, 2 boys and 3 girls completed the elementary school course.

There are frequent changes in enrollment in the schools but the following gives a fairly accurate idea of the present enrollment by grades and schools.

School	S	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
W. Peru Primary	8	1	2	3	5					19
W. Peru Grammar						6	9	3	5	23
Dickvale	2	3	2	1	1	4	2	0	4	19
Union	5			5		3			3	16
Centre	1		3	3	5	0	1	4	4	21
E. Peru,	0	1	5	0	2	0	0	4	0	12
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Totals each grade	16	5	12	12	13	13	12	11	16	110

S means Sub-Primary.

The attendance on the whole is satisfactory. The parents should realize however that all children must be regular in attendance in order to keep up in their work and that part of our State Funds are received on the basis of attendance. In other words the child who attends school regularly is an asset to the town, one who does not is a liability.

## TEXT BOOKS

As far as money available would allow I have continued the introduction of new English books and upper grade Geographies which were introduced last year. I have also purchased some more texts in Silent Reading and the usual replacements of worn out material has been taken care of.

Silent reading is one of the most important develop-

ments in education in recent years and proper texts and material should be furnished in every school.

Supplementary material for drill in the fundamental operations of arithmetic should also be a part of the school equipment.

If the child receives a good foundation in reading, arithmetic, spelling and writing the other subjects will largely take care of themselves.

## BUILDINGS

With the exception of West Peru the school buildings are in very good condition.

Special repairs were made on the East Peru School during the summer. The chimney was taken out of the centre of the room and put up at the rear of the building. The windows were changed to give only rear and left side lighting. A new floor was layed. The jacketed heater was moved from Worthly Pond School and better seats taken from schools where they were not needed. The building was given thorough painting inside and out.

Many of the desks in town are in poor condition not only being much worn but unsuited to the size of the children. This is especially true at the Centre School where many of the desks are of the double type and too large for the pupils who occupy them. This is not only injurious to the physical condition of the pupil but complicates the matter of discipline. The installation of new desks should be taken care of from year to year until all of the schools are properly equipped. It is our recommendation this year that sufficient funds be appropriated, (\$200.), which together with the balance left from the special repair account at E. Peru will make the necessary change in desks at the Centre School.

The situation at West Peru deserves your serious consideration. The windows in the lower room are in very bad condition, the sash being rotted and in some instances

will not hold the glass. It takes practically twice as much wood to heat each of these rooms as for the other schools in town. The bricks on the outside are continually falling off and have to be replaced each year.

A new fire escape will have to be put in within a few years and before the fall of 1927, by State requirement, a sanitary toilet arrangement will have to be made at a cost of \$1,000 to \$1,500. I believe that in the course of the next ten years \$3,000 will not take care of the necessary repairs on this building and at the end of that time the equipment will be about as poor as at present.

I have figured the proposition of a new building carefully and I believe that my figures are conservative. A new two-room building with equipment can be constructed for \$8,000. Add to this \$4,000 for interest for ten years and we have \$12,000. Deduct from this \$3,000 for repairs which would have to be made on the present structure leaving \$9,000 which if distributed over a ten year period would mean an annual appropriation of \$900. Practically one fourth of this amount is paid by non-resident tax payers and means an annual increased expenditure of less than \$2.25 per thousand of valuation. The above estimate does not include any amount that might be received by the sale of the present lot and building.

## FINANCES

An examination of the various accounts included in this report will give you a very good idea of the general running expenses of the schools.

The balance shown in the common school account of \$20.76 will be more than used up by fuel bills not presented when the books were closed, so it is necessary to ask for slightly more in this account for the ensuing year, \$3,600 instead of \$3,500.

The East Peru repair account shows a balance of

\$77.34 which we recommend be devoted to special repairs at the Centre school together with \$200 which should be raised this year.

Due to a reapportionment of the Superintendent's salary at the last meeting of the joint committee it became necessary for Peru to pay slightly more than formerly, therefore this account is slightly overdrawn.

Your Superintendent and committee have carefully considered the necessities for next year and submit the following budget for your approval:

Common Schools,	\$ 3,600 00
Tuition,	1,800 00
Books and supplies,	200 00
Repairs,	150 00
Superintendence,	316 00
Special repairs at Centre school,	200 00

plus the balance from E. Peru.

Interest on School Fund,	\$ 34 38
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#### PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE LAST SCHOOL YEAR

West Peru Grammar 84; West Peru Primary 88.6; Dickvale 74.7; Union 76.4; Centre 86.5; East Peru; 79.8.

#### TEACHERS EMPLOYED, PRESENT SCHOOL YEAR

School	Teacher	Experience
West Peru Grammar,	Reta Brown,	Summer School
	Effie Cameron,	Substitute
West Peru Primary, East Peru,	Ariel Demeritt,	Normal graduate
	Violette Philbrick,	Normal graduate, Resigned
	Margaret McIntyre,	Normal graduate
Dickvale,	Bernice Heald,	Normal graduate
	Ina L. Garland,	Normal graduate, Substitute
Union,	Pearl Harris,	Normal graduate
Centre,	Call Whorff,	Normal graduate

Referring to the above table, Mrs. Cameron substituted for Miss Brown while she was ill and Mrs. Garland

is now substituting for Miss Heald for the same reason. All teachers and substitutes have this year received \$21.00 per week.

In closing I wish to say that I believe we have a good corps of teachers this year and that they are doing their best to get results in their individual schools.

I wish to thank the school board for their earnest cooperation and helpfulness which has been especially valuable to me a stranger in the locality.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. TONER, Supt. of Schools.

### COMMON SCHOOLS

Balance, 1923-24,	\$ 78 60	
Appropriation,	3,500 00	
Interest on School Fund,	34 38	
Equalization Fund,	156 00	
State School Fund,	2,075 88	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,844 86
Teachers' Salaries,	\$ 4,523 00	
Transportation,	804 20	
Fuel,	279 90	
Janitors,	217 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,824 10
Balance,		<hr/> \$ 20 76

### HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Appropriation,		\$ 1,800 00
Paid Town of Dixfield,	\$ 865 00	
Town of Canton,	535 00	

Town of Rumford,

180 00

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 \$ 1,580 00

Balance,

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 \$ 220 00

## FLAGS

Balance, 1923-24,  
Appropriation,

\$ 3 12

10 00

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 \$ 13 12

No Expenditures

Balance,

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 \$ 13 12

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Balance, 1923-24,  
Appropriation,  
From State Fund,

\$ 15 40

200 00

23 23

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 \$ 238 63

Expended,

\$ 238 63

## REPAIRS

Balance, 1923-24,  
Appropriation,

\$ 1 40

150 00

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 \$ 151 40
West Peru,  
Dickvale,  
Union,  
Centre,

\$ 81 20

21 67

9 56

32 07



East Peru,	13 82	
		\$ 158 32
Overdrawn,		\$ 6 92

#### EAST PERU SPECIAL REPAIRS

Appropriation,	\$ 465 36	
Rec'd sale of brick,	4 75	
		\$ 470 11
Expended,		392 77
Balance,		\$ 77 34

#### SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation,		\$ 240 00
Paid H. W. Coburn,	\$ 100 00	
E. L. Toner,	168 00	
		\$ 268 00
Overdrawn,		\$ 28 00

#### STATE OF MAINE

State School Fund,	\$ 2,099 11	
Equalization Fund,	156 00	
		\$ 2,255 11
Transferred to Common Schools,	\$ 2,231 88	
Transferred to books and supplies,	23 23	
		\$ 2,255 11
Total receipts for year,	\$ 8,758 12	
Total expenditures,	8,461 82	
		\$ 296 30
Balance,		\$ 296 30

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Record of Marriages, Births and Deaths returned to this office for the year ending February 1, 1925.

### MARRIAGES

1924

February 23, at Rumford, George G. Gordon of Peru and Bertha L. Morrell of Dixfield.

May 24, at Peru, Leroy F. Oldham and Regina M. Gogan, both of Peru.

May 24, at Auburn, John Burgess and Carrie E. Collins, both of Peru.

June 14, at Canton, Wibur P. Hussey of Hartford and Marguerite L. Babb of Peru.

July 4, at Canton, Dwight L. Bigelow of Peru and Effie J. Booker of Bangor.

July 9, at West Peru, Clair McLeod of Rumford and Stella Mulherrin of Mexico.

August 12, at Peru, Harry H. Marshall of Boston, Mass., and Nellie A. Brown of West Somerville, Mass.

August 30, at Peru, H. Selwyn McIntire of Peru and Margaret R. Trethewey of Weld.

September 30, at Canton, Glendon O. Babb of Dixfield and Ethlyn M. Kidder of Peru.

November 1, at Dixfield, Nathan S. Bishop and Edna B. Jones both of Peru.

### BIRTHS

1924

February 2, to Kate L. and Philip M. Pinkham, a son, Cleon Edward.

February 23, to Ethel E. and Elwood C. Kidder, a son, Roswel Edward.

March 30, to Muriel E. and Erwin C. Child, a daughter, June Martilla.

April 10, to Theresa and William H. Howard, a daughter, Corrine Phylliss.

April 29, to Gladys M. and Merle B. Knox, a son, Merle Bertele Jr.

June 15, to Gertrude H. and Claude L. Merrill, a daughter, Gertrude Elinor.

July 11, at Rumford, to Emily A. and Carroll L. Robinson, a daughter, Florence Emily.

July 13, to Lydia R. and Charles W. Knox, a son, Randall J. R. Knox.

August 6, to Nina Gertrude and James Berton Emery, a daughter, Edith Myrtle.

August 12, to Ineze B. and Clavis M. Frost, a daughter, Bernice May.

August 15, at Rumford, to Edith M. and Sidney A. Hazelton, a son, Ralph Holman.

September 22, to Iva M. and Elmer L. Child, a son, Clarion Alberto.

October 11, to Ella S. and Fred Luce, a daughter, Christine Beverly.

November 19, to Shirley E. and William B. Austin, a daughter, Verlie Katheleen.

December 3, to Sadie L. and Leslie H. Irish, a son, Leslie Harold, Jr.

December 10, to Laura M. and Lester A. Hall, a daughter, Nancy Lou.

December 10, to Goldie I. and J. Leighton Knight, a son, Randall Leighton.

December 15, to Blanche E. and Anthony Jacobson, a daughter, Pauline.

December 23, to Sadie and Merton O. Walker, a son, Baxter Charles.

1925

January 25, to Delia L. and Percy H. Raymond, a son,  
Percy Henry Jr.

## DEATHS

1924

February 11, at Haverhill, Mass., George C. Ford,  
aged 71 years, 16 days.

March 28, James G. Tyler, aged 59 years, 11 months, 9  
days.

April 1, at Augusta, Edward E. Bretton, aged 66 years.

April 25, Albert M. Johnson, aged 14 years, 1 month,  
23 days.

May 24, Melvin Knox, at Rumford, aged 76 years, 2  
months, 21 days.

June 23, Rosann P. Demeritt, aged 72 years, 7 months,  
3 days.

July 3, Hazel L. Shaw, aged 11 months, 16 days.

July 8, at New Sharon, Olive M. Stilman, aged 81  
years, 5 months, 13 days.

August 1, Ira J. Parlin, aged 72 years, 28 days.

August 10, Otis Gammon, aged 96 years, 11 days.

August 25, Sarah M. Kidder, aged 86 years, 4 months,  
23 days.

November 10, at Turner, Fred Poland, aged 69 years,  
8 months, 22 days.

November 12, at Rumford, Joseph E. Conant, aged 77  
years, 29 days.

1925

January 2, at Rumford, Frank Bartlett, aged 76 years.

January 9, at Lewiston, Thomas J. Rolls, aged 61  
years, 11 months, 28 days.

HOWARD TURNER, Town Clerk.