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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Municipal Officers
OF THE
TOWN of PERU
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 5th
1926



PRESS OF MERRILL & WEBBER CO.
AUBURN. MAINE

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

ELBRIDGE G. CHILD

Town Clerk

HOWARD TURNER

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

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

Treasurer

H. R. ROBINSON

Collector of Taxes

WILLARD S. ARNOLD

Constables

WILLIAM H. HILL W. S. ARNOLD

CHARLES N. CHILD

Superintending School Committee

ISAAC A. SEARLES MABELLE ROBINSON

FLORENCE H. PACKARD

Superintendent of Schools

E. L. TONER H. H. RANDALL

FRANK McGOULDRICK

Attendance Officers

MRS. BERTHA SEARLES MRS. PERLEY CHILD

HERBERT KNOX

Board of Health

O. T. WOODBURY A. W. KNIGHT

ALVA M. CURTIS

Health Officer

ALVA M. CURTIS

Sealer of Weights and Measures

GEORGE H. CONANT

Road Commissioner

MANLEY M. FARRAR

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

W. J. BRYANT C. H. ROBINSON

ISAAC SEARLES

Sextons

WALTER CUNNINGHAM ADNA W. KNIGHT

OSBORNE O. TRACY

Fire Warden and Inspector

GEORGE H. CONANT

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

The Selectmen of the Town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending February 5, 1926.

VALUATION

Real estate, resident,	\$219,615 00	
Real estate, non-resident,	98,210 00	
Total real estate,		\$317,825 00
Personal estate, resident,	\$ 86,954 00	
Personal estate, non-resident,	9,881 00	
Total amount personal estate,		\$ 96,835 00
Total valuation,		\$414,660 00
Value of land,		\$167,869 00
Value of buildings,		149,956 00

TAXABLE LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses,	180	\$82 08	\$14,775 00
Cows,	421	32 32	13,605 00
Oxen,	2	67 50	135 00
Three years old,	64	29 64	1,897 00
Two years old,	90	24 39	2,195 00
Sheep,	40	5 00	200 00
Poultry	837		690 00
Total value,			\$ 33,497 00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
One year old,	76	\$11 89	\$ 904 00
Sheep,	118	5 99	707 00
Swine,	102	12 72	1,297 00
Poultry,	2,947		2,335 00
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Total value,			\$ 5,243 00

ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade, 6,	\$15,450 00
Logs,	4,194 00
Lumber,	6,344 00
Wood and bark,	900 00
Automobiles, 148,	30,940 00
Musical instruments, 55,	4,385 00
Furniture,	550 00
Materials in stock,	100 00
Machinery not taxed as real estate,	475 00
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Amount,	\$ 63,338 00
Amount live stock brought forward,	33,497 00
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Total amount of taxable personal property,	\$96,835 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

State tax,	\$ 2,973 73
County tax,	891 41
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For support of common schools,	\$ 3,600 00
Support of poor,	1,000 00
Summer roads and bridges,	4,000 00
Winter roads,	1,300 00
Miscellaneous town charges,	400 00
Town officer's bills,	1,000 00
Memorial purposes,	8 00

Interest on school fund,	34 38
High school tuition,	1,800 00
Text books and supplies,	200 00
Repairs on schoolhouses,	400 00
State aid road construction,	533 00
Maintenance, Peru-Mexico bridge,	1,100 00
Metal culverts,	300 00
Payment, int. on John Bur- gess fund,	100 00
Payment, on prin. John Bur- gess fund,	500 00
Salary, Supt. Schools,	316 00
Snow plow,	350 00
School desks,	200 00
Dolloff-Irish road,	550 00
Dragoon road,	200 00
Break water repairs,	150 00
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Total appropriated by town,	\$ 18,041 38
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Appropriated and assessed,	\$21,906 52
Overlay,	275 22
Supplementary taxes,	48 03
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Total tax committed to Collector,	\$22,229 77
Number of polls taxed, 243.	
Number of polls not taxed, 21.	
Poll tax, \$3.00.	
Rate of taxation, .052.	
Rate of collection, .015.	

SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriated,		\$4,000 00
Overdrawn,	\$ 392 67	
Patrol allowance,	550 50	

Patrol allowance, 50-50,	50 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 993 17
Available for unpatrolled roads,		<u> </u> \$3,006 83

M. M. Farrar, Road Commissioner

Paid M. M. Farrar, labor,	\$ 327 27
E. L. Knox,	453 72
E. E. Howard,	408 08
Wilbur Chenery,	143 86
Benj. Lovejoy,	19 50
C. W. Knox,	12 30
Isaac Searles,	16 25
Oscar Putnam,	285 50
Maurice Tracy,	100 74
Stillman Bishop,	99 75
W. L. Paul, material,	43 40
Frank Potter, labor,	4 87
A. G. Walker,	97 50
W. S. Haines,	3 25
William Johnson,	98 67
M. H. Oldham,	8 64
E. E. Oldham,	174 00
Carroll Oldham,	157 50
Alphonse Ferland,	2 80
I. C. Kidder, plank,	10 46
C. A. Lane, plank,	81 51
J. C. Oldham, labor,	92 00
Leslie Irish,	197 15
Joe Albert,	9 60
W. W. Tainter,	19 93
A. W. Knight,	34 00
E. W. Sturtevant,	3 50
W. B. Gillespie,	13 00
E. G. Child,	30 15
D. C. Chenery,	68 83

Millard Kidder,	5 60	
Peter Dragoon,	1 50	
C. H. Robinson,	20 20	
E. B. Knox,	51 50	
L. F. Oldham,	5 25	
Lester Knox,	4 50	
G. H. Conant,	5 25	
Howard Turner,	2 10	
V. A. Eastman,	11 45	
C. L. Robinson,	10 95	
H. B. Packard,	7 05	
M. H. Babb,	6 00	
Clark Foundry Co.,	1 80	
Melvin Lovejoy,	30 16	
F. A. Smith,	13 25	
A. E. Child,	7 00	
C. L. Knox,	8 05	
Simmeon Tutlis,	30 00	
Thos. Cunningham,	6 00	
Chas. Clark,	27 00	
Walter Blake,	22 17	
G. H. Libby,	2 10	
Robert Gillespie,	3 00	
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Expended, on Summer roads,		\$ 3,299 61
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Overdrawn,		\$ 292 78

STATE AID ROAD

Received from State, 1925,	\$ 708 89
Received from State, unexpended in 1924,	55 30
Appropriated by town, maximum,	533 00
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Available,	\$ 1,297 19

Paid M. M. Farrar, foreman, labor,	\$ 90 00	
Lane Bros., material,	22 80	
J. C. Oldham, labor,	72 00	
E. E. Oldham,	72 00	
Carroll Oldham,	63 00	
Roy Oldham,	57 75	
A. G. Walker, labor and ma- terial,	193 00	
E. E. Howard,	115 50	
Walter Poland,	68 00	
D. C. Chenery,	17 50	
Wilbur Chenery,	15 75	
W. I. Johnson,	58 50	
H. D. Packard,	81 33	
C. L. Robinson,	78 00	
Elcid Howard,	19 50	
Jas. Irish,	6 20	
Joe Albert, gravel,	5 50	
P. K. Child, clay,	10 70	
Berger Mfg. Co.,	228 00	
I C. Kidder,	2 75	
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Expended,		\$ 1,277 78
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Unexpended,		\$ 19 41
Cost of inspection, unknown.		

WINTER ROADS

Appropriated,	\$ 1,300 00	
Overdrawn,	127 43	
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Available,		\$ 1,172 57
Paid B. Malone,	\$ 8 40	
C. A. Hoar,	18 20	
B. D. Packard,	19 86	

W. S. Haines,	5 95
A. G. Howard,	1 75
P. Dragoon,	4 02
A. L. Harlow,	14 00
E. E. Howard,	18 20
W. I. Johnson,	2 80
S. Levi,	17 90
A. Ferland,	8 22
R. Gill,	23 10
N. S. Bishop,	20 82
L. H. Davenport,	1 50
G. B. Gordon,	2 10
G. Miller,	7 17
W. J. Miller,	20 30
Frank Godish,	4 12
John Godish,	4 20
C. Oldham,	3 50
A. McFee,	28 75
S. Bishop,	3 15
E. E. Oldham,	9 45
W. J. Smith,	29 90
E. C. Staples,	19 60
E. W. Sturtevant,	13 30
A. G. Howard,	24 50
Nelson Lufkin,	7 80
L. H. Davenport,	1 15
E. Rafuse,	3 15
Walter Blake,	3 50
Robert Gillespie,	5 60
G. H. Conant,	7 70
E. E. Cox,	70
H. E. Knox,	8 92
C. L. Knox,	6 60
D. W. Oldham,	8 75
J. C. Oldham,	25 69
H. S. Gammon,	5 60
E. L. Knox,	9 80

U. G. McIntire,	14 18	
S. H. McIntire,	14 18	
A. Ferland,	13 30	
J. Remika,	9 75	
Veau Lord,	3 15	
A. Eastman,	5 00	
C. W. Knox,	2 80	
E. E. Howard,	3 40	
J. B. Emery,	1 75	
G. Donahue,	3 15	
N. Lufkin,	4 20	
A. C. Hammond,	11 20	
W. Cunningham,	1 75	
W. Lufkin,	50 40	
A. B. McIntire,	4 68	
Thos. Cunningham,	1 05	
A. E. Child,	7 35	
O. O. Tracy,	1 00	
D. C. Chenery,	3 15	
D. S. Bryant,	57 00	
A. S. Holman,	8 65	
E. B. Knox,	9 25	
A. S. Hazelton,	10 00	
A. W. Knight,	6 90	
D. S. Bryant,	63 00	
E. E. Howard,	16 28	
J. M. Luce,	14 00	
W. I. Johnson,	7 70	
E. B. Knox,	5 00	
C. H. Robinson,	6 65	
D. S. Bryant,	80 10	
J. M. Luce,	9 10	
C. E. Hines,	3 15	
E. Bradford,	2 80	
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Expended,		\$ 884 74
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Unexpended,		\$ 287 83

THIRD CLASS ROAD

From State,		\$ 1,502 58
Paid Berger Mfg. Co.,	\$ 59 28	
M. M. Farrar, labor,	127 50	
D. C. Chenery,	101 50	
Maurice Tracy,	55 24	
Wilbur Chenery,	73 50	
E. E. Oldham,	94 00	
Carroll Oldham,	80 50	
Elmer Child,	36 75	
E. L. Knox,	108 25	
Alton York,	126 00	
E. W. Sturtevant,	94 50	
L. H. Irish,	192 00	
E. G. Child,	43 75	
E. B. Knox,	28 00	
John Powell,	24 00	
C. H. Towle,	3 80	
I. C. Kidder,	17 53	
Oscar Putnam,	143 50	
J. C. Oldham,	74 00	
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Expended,		\$ 1,483 60
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Unexpended,		\$ 18 98
Cost of inspection, unknown.		

DOLLOFF-IRISH ROAD

Appropriated,		\$ 550 00
Paid Stillman Bishop, for labor,	\$ 7 00	
Wilbur Chenery,	6 50	
Maurice Tracy,	6 50	
E. L. Knox,	20 00	
M. M. Farrar,	10 00	
Oscar Putnam,	22 50	

M. B. Knox,	7 00
E. B. Knox,	21 75
C. H. Robinson,	7 00
Geo. G. Dolloff, for damage,	200 00
John Frost,	100 00
P. G. Knox,	25 00
C. E. Knox,	25 00
Lillian Frost,	25 00
For culvert,	21 56

Expended,	\$ 504 81
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Unexpended,	\$ 45 19
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DRAGOON ROAD

Appropriated,	\$ 200 00
Paid Isadore Dragoon,	200 00

SNOW PLOW

Appropriated,	\$ 350 00
Paid Gates' Garage,	340 00

Unexpended,	\$ 10 00
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PERU-DIXFIELD FERRY

Unexpended, from 1924,	\$ 151 66
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Paid I. C. Kidder, ferry man,	\$ 271 94
E. B. Knox, labor,	9 00
E. E. Brown,	8 00
C. H. Robinson,	6 65

Expended,	\$ 302 59
Received from Town of Dixfield,	151 29

Expense of ferry,	\$ 151 30
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Unexpended,	\$ 36
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BREAKWATER

Appropriated,	\$ 150 00
Unexpended,	150 00

PERU-MEXICO BRIDGE

Appropriated,	1,100 00
Unexpended,	63 82
From State,	500 00

Available,	\$ 1,663 82
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Paid Town of Mexico,	\$ 1,124 14
Town of Dixfield,	32 58

Expended,	\$ 1,156 72
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Unexpended,	\$ 507 10
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REBUILDING OLD ROAD MACHINE

Unexpended balance from 1924,	\$ 30 00
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METAL CULVERTS

Appropriated,	\$ 300 00
Unexpended,	5 19

Available,	\$ 305 19
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Paid North East Metal Culvert Co.,	\$ 303 41
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Received of G. A. Tracy,	\$ 12 00
Culvert, Dolloff road,	21 56

Expended,	\$ 33 56
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Expended,	\$ 269 85
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Unexpended,	\$ 35 34
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CARE OF CEMETERIES

Available,		\$ 114 65
Paid Chas. E. Hines,	\$ 8 00	
O. O. Tracy,	12 50	
E. E. Child,	3 00	
A. W. Knight,	4 00	
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Expended,		\$ 27 50
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Unexpended,		\$ 87 15

FENCING UNPROTECTED CEMETERIES AND
REMOVING BODIES

Unexpended balance from 1924,	\$ 85 85
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CUSHMAN CEMETERY LOT

Available,	\$ 4 24
Paid E. G. Child, labor,	2 00
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Unexpended,	\$ 2 24

HOLLIS TURNER CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Available,	\$ 93 67
Paid H. R. Robinson & Son,	
Knight Cem.,	\$ 11 50
A. W. Knight, labor, Waite Cem.,	20 00
L. H. Irish,	24 00
M. B. Knox,	4 00
I. C. Kidder, paint,	20 80
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Expended,	\$ 68 80
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Unexpended,	\$ 24 87

MEMORIAL PURPOSES

Appropriated,	\$ 8 00	
Unexpended,	8 54	
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Available,		\$ 16 54
Paid I. C. Kidder, for flags,		7 98
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Unexpended,		\$ 8 56

JOHN BURGESS LOAN

Appropriated, for interest,	\$ 100 00	
Appropriated, for payment on loan	500 00	
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Available,		\$ 600 00
Paid John Burgess,		602 08
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Overdrawn,		\$ 2 08

SUPPORT OF POOR

Appropriated,	\$ 1,000 00	
Unexpended,	58 84	
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Available,		\$ 1,058 84
Paid Mrs. E. W. Knox for board and care of A. J. Hall,	\$ 230 50	
J. S. Sturtevant, M. D. prof. services,	4 00	
H. B. Marsh, undertaker,	94 00	
E. S. Demeritt, sexton,	6 00	
C. A. Lane, clothing,	4 80	
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Expended,	\$ 339 30	
Received from State, blindness Hall,	\$ 119 35	
Net expense, A. J. Hall,		\$219 95

Paid Town of Leeds, supplies for F. J. Wing,	\$	122	10
Paid Mrs. Bertha Searles, board and care, H. A. Clark,	\$	265	00
Paid Mrs. Bertha Searles, board, care and supplies for Etta Bowker,	\$	116	38
E. G. Child, supplies,		3	60
H. A. Moody, glasses,		6	00
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Expended for Etta Bowker,	\$	125	98
Paid Mrs. Selma Farrar, board and care and supplies for Sim- meon Morrill,	\$	384	40
O. L. Knight, tobacco,		20	15
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Expended for Simmeon Morrill,	\$	404	55
Paid State, care of Verian Wing,		104	86
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Total expense of poor,	\$	1,242	44
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Overdrawn,	\$	183	40

MISCELLANEOUS. TOWN CHARGES

Appropriated,	\$	400	00
Unexpended,		96	50
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Available,	\$	496	50
Paid Merrill & Webber Co., print- ing reports,	\$	63	00
M. M. Farrar, road machine repairs,		7	00
Walter Blake, labor patrol road,		7	00
Fred Luce,		9	80
E. L. Knox,		14	00

D. S. Bryant,	7 00
M. B. Knox,	3 50
E. B. Knox,	18 75
Loring, Short & Harmon, record books,	24 80
C. H. Robinson, labor on patrol road,	25 55
North East Metal Culvert Co.,	26 00
A. Gruginsky, repairing road machine,	2 75
C. H. Robinson, express,	1 90
Benj. Lovejoy, labor on patrol road,	4 55
Walter Blake,	22 75
C. E. Hines,	3 00
E. E. Oldham,	3 50
Carroll Oldham,	3 25
A. G. Howard,	2 00
I. C. Kidder, hauling shavings,	15 00
North East Metal Culvert Co.,	3 00
Chas. Root,	50 00
Holt Bros.,	4 44
Town of Dixfield,	17 52
E. L. Toner, incidentals,	11 30
C. H. Robinson, freight,	61
Ed. Lufkin, road material,	9 10
W. M. Pease, M. D. profess- ional services,	18 00
W. M. Kidder, school account,	94
H. H. Randall, Supt. incidentals,	73
E. Wiken, refund poll tax,	3 00
Geo. Libby, damage,	30 00
Lena DeShon,	20 00
Mabelle Robinson, booking inventory,	15 00
Howard Turner, clerks' in- cidental,	4 54

J. A. Thibeault, M. D., birth certificates,	50	
B. D. Packard, water tub,	2 00	
Jas. Irish,	3 00	
William Phinney,	5 00	
C. H. Robinson & Son,	5 00	
M. H. Oldham, plank,	1 57	
C. H. Robinson, expense to Assessors Meeting,	15 75	
C. H. Robinson, incidentals and use of auto,	15 00	
J. S. Sturtevant, M. D., Vital Statistics,	5 25	
H. R. Robinson, 'Treas' incidentals,	4 10	
W. S. Arnold, abatements, 1924,	6 44	
W. S. Arnold, abatements, 1925,	18 00	
D. S. Bryant, snow plow repairs,	4 50	
Howard Turner, check lists, deeds, and typing,	20 50	
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Expended,		\$ 610 39
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Overdrawn,		\$ 63 39

TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS

Appropriated,	\$ 1,000 00	
Overdrawn,	207 95	
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Available,		\$ 792 05
Paid E. G. Child, moderator,	\$ 4 00	
C. H. Robinson, first selectman,	186 00	

E. G. Child, second select- man,	114 00
E. B. Knox, third select- man,	166 00
H. R. Robinson, Treas.,	100 00
Howard Turner, Clerk,	60 00
Isaac Searles, Member Supt. School Committee,	10 50
Mabelle Robinson, Member Supt. School Committee,	16 00
Florence Packard, Member Supt. School Committee,	17 85
W. S. Arnold, Collector,	334 84
Sylvester Searles, ballot clerk,	4 00
B. C. Putnam, ballot clerk,	4 00
A. B. McIntire, ballot clerk,	4 00
H. R. Robinson, ballot clerk,	4 00
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Expended,	\$ 1,025 19
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Overdrawn,	\$ 233 14

ABATEMENTS

1924

Fred Eastman, poll and personal, unable to locate,	\$ 3 44
Wm. Hutchinson, poll and personal, unable to locate,	3 00

1925

Wm. Howard, poll paid in Mass.,	\$ 3 00
Willis Poland, poll paid in Lewiston,	3 00
J. Ralph Oldham, poll paid in Rumford,	3 00
William Jacobs, poll, unable to locate,	3 00
Victor Hudusky, poll, unable to locate,	3 00
John Groves, poll, unable to locate,	3 00

Total,	<hr/> \$ 24 44
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FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

February 5, 1926

Resources

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$ 2,288 13
Land in Thompson's Grant, Lot 9, Range 10,	300 00
Due on taxes of 1922,	57 62
Due on taxes of 1923,	70 00
Tax deeds on hand,	270 50
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Total resources,	\$ 2,986 25

Liabilities

Loan from John Burgess,	\$1,500 00
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Resources over liabilities,	\$ 1,486 25

Respectfully submitted,

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

Selectmen of Peru.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

To Cash from last year,	\$ 397 84
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
Rec'd Int. on the Hollis Turner Cemetery Fund,	275 67
Rec'd Int. on the Cushman Cemetery Fund,	5 79
State, account Frank Bartlett,	248 90
Horace Clark, pay for glasses,	5 00
State, account A. J. Hall,	45 00
Town Clerk, dog licenses,	65 00
Bank loan,	1,100 00
Town Cemetery lot,	10 00
Tax bills of 1925,	22,181 74
Town Clerk, dog licenses,	100 00
Bank loan,	2,650 00
Town Clerk, dog licenses,	25 00
Int. on Frank Young tax deed,	1 02
Int. on Oxford Lumber Co., tax deeds,	52 81
Bank loan,	1,500 00
State Highway Department,	50 00
State, account A. J. Hall,	45 00
G. C. Tracy, pay for culvert,	12 00
Bank loan,	1,050 00
Bank loan,	600 00
Supplementary tax,	48 03

Bank loan,	1,200 00
Town of Byron, part of old road machine,	10 00
Town Cemetery lot,	10 00
Int. on tax deed,	24
State, account of A. J. Hall,	29 35
State Highway Department,	1,466 00
State School Fund,	2,042 45
State, dog license refund,	45 60
State, R. R. and Tel. tax,	03
State Equalization Fund,	156 00
State Highway Department,	500 00
State, Cons. State Aid High- way,	749 50
Town of Dixfield, one-half ex- pense of ferry,	151 29
Int. on Hollis Turner Fund,	60 36
Int. on Cushman Fund,	4 12
C. V. Richards, for small boat,	1 00
Town Cemetery lot,	10 00
	\$ 38,065 45

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Paid Int. on bank loan,	\$ 27 50
State, dog licenses for 1925,	190 00
State, patrol maintenance,	550 50
Int. on bank loan,	66 25
County tax for 1925,	891 41
State, tax for 1925,	2,973 73
Int. on bank loan,	37 50
Bank loan,	1,500 00
Int. on bank loan,	21 12
Bank loan,	3,750 00
Int. on bank loan,	26 25
Bank loan,	1,050 00
Int. on bank loan,	32 00

Bank loan,	600 00
Bank loan,	1,200 00
Due on tax bills of 1922,	57 62
Due on tax bills of 1923,	70 00
Tax deeds on hand,	270 50
Town orders,	22,462 94
Cash on hand,	2,288 13
	—————\$ 38,065 45

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY R. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Peru:

I hereby submit my first report of your schools.

TEACHERS

The following teachers are employed the present school year: West Peru Grammar, Margaret McIntyre; West Peru Primary, Ariel DeMerritt; Dickvale, Bernice Heald; Union, Merle Harmon; Centre, Calla Whorff; Worthley Pond, Erla Pike.

All teachers in the above list are normal graduates and with one exception have had experience in teaching previous to this year.

BUILDINGS

It will be necessary for the town to decide in the very near future what is to be done at West Peru in order to comply with State requirements. It would be wise to come to a definite decision as to whether the old building is to be remodeled or a new one erected. I have been informed that my predecessor, Mr. Toner and the inspector from the State Department of Education went over the situation very carefully and recommended a new building. It is evident that a new building or very extensive improvement of the old one is needed. A definite program should be adopted before much money is expended in that part of the town.

The schoolhouse at East Peru is not used this year

as the town voted to re-establish the school at Worthley Pond.

In accordance with the recommendation of the school officials new desks were purchased for the Centre school. This was a step in the right direction and I sincerely hope that the time is not far distant when each pupil may be provided with an adjustable desk.

ATTENDANCE

The enrollment by grades and schools the present school year is as follows:

School	S	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
W. Peru Prim.	9	8		4	5					26
W. Peru Gram.						5	6	8	3	22
Dickvale	1		5	2	2	1	6			17
Union		5	2	1	6		3		1	18
Centre	3	1		2	3	4	1	1	3	18
Worthley P.	2		2	2						6
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Totals	15	14	9	11	16	10	16	9	7	107

S means Sub-Primary.

Following is the percentage attendance for the last school year:

Centre, 97.32; West Peru Grammar, 83.07; West Peru Primary, 83.04; Dickvale, 82.96; East Peru, 81.64; Union, 79.72.

FINANCES

By examination of the accounts you will find that the expense for teachers and janitors is about the same as last year. Each teacher received \$21.00 per week and each janitor received \$1.00 per week. The cost of transportation is less because no pupils are transported from East Peru to the Worthley Pond School. The expense

for fuel is higher on account of some bills that were not presented for payment before the closing of the books a year ago. More money was paid for high school tuition because of increase in the number of students who attended high school. The account for books and supplies shows an overdraft of \$80.01 due to the fact that it was necessary to buy more books than was anticipated at the time of making the budget.

After careful consideration of the needs of the schools for next year your Committee and Superintendent submit the following budget for the annual town meeting:

Common Schools,	\$ 3,600 00
High School tuition,	2,100 00
Books and supplies,	200 00
Repairs,	200 00
Superintendence,	366 00
Interest on School Fund,	34 38
Office expense,	35 00
	—————\$ 6,535 38

The total amount of the budget would be just the same as last year if it were not for the addition of \$35.00 for office expense. Previously this item has been charged to Miscellaneous Town Charges but the selectmen and school officials decided it would be better to transfer it to the school department where it properly belongs. The recommendation for high school tuition is increased \$300 because there will be more students attend high school.

In closing I wish to thank all the people of Peru with whom I have come in contact for favors granted and courteous treatment.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK McGOULDRICK,

Supt. of Schools.

COMMON SCHOOLS

Balance, 1924-25,	\$ 20 76	
Appropriation,	3,600 00	
Interest on School Fund,	34 38	
Equalization Fund,	156 00	
State School Fund,	2,042 45	
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		\$ 5,853 59
Teachers' Salaries,	\$ 4,515 00	
Transportation,	508 80	
Fuel,	568 40	
Janitors,	215 00	
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		\$ 5,807 20
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Balance,		\$ 46 39

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Balance, 1924-25,	\$ 220 00	
Appropriation,	1,800 00	
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		\$ 2,020 00
Paid Town of Dixfield,	\$ 1,000 00	
Town of Canton,	650 00	
Town of Rumford,	240 00	
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		\$ 1,890 00
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Balance,		\$ 130 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriation,	\$ 200 00	
Expended,	280 01	
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Overdrawn,		\$ 80 01

REPAIRS

Appropriation,		\$ 400 00
Overdraft;	\$ 6 92	
Expended,	400 05	
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		\$ 406 97
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Overdrawn,		\$ 6 97

SPECIAL REPAIRS AT PERU CENTRE

Transferred from East Peru Special Account,	\$ 77 34	
Appropriation,	200 00	
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		\$ 277 34
Expended,		277 34

SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation,		\$ 316 00
Overdraft, 1924-25,	\$ 28 00	
Expended,	294 00	
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		\$ 322 00
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Overdrawn,		\$ 6 00

FLAGS

Balance, 1924-25, No expenditures.		\$ 13 12
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Balance,		\$ 13 12

STATE OF MAINE

State School Fund,	\$ 2,042 45
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Equalization Fund,	156 00	
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Transferred to Common Schools,	\$ 2,042 45	
Transferred to Common Schools,	156 00	
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Total receipts for year,	\$ 9,080 05	
Total expenditures,	8,983 52	
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Balance,		\$ 96 53

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Record of Marriages, Births and Deaths returned to this office for the year ending February 1, 1926.

MARRIAGES

1925

May 11, at Canton, Maurice B. Oldham and Elva E. Cunningham, both of Peru.

June 8, at West Sumner, Arlan E. Farrar of Sumner and Gertrude A. York of Peru.

June 18, at West Peru, Lovell F. Oldham and Madelle D. Oldham, both of Dixfield.

July 8; at Peru, Vernon R. Niles and Caro L. Green, both of Peru.

August 23, at West Peru, Osborn O. Tracy and Ardella E. Rowe, both of Peru.

October 10, at Mexico, Duncan A. Gill and Lucille Vaughn, both of Peru.

November 12, at Bethel, Hollis Stuart Gammon and Jennie H. Gordon, both of Peru.

November 25, at Rumford Centre, George Guy Doll-off of Peru and Bessie W. Dolloff of Rumford.

December 24, at Dixfield, Erwin M. Payne of Dixfield and Christina Roma Burgess of Peru.

BIRTHS

1925

February 20, to Inez M. and Chas. S. Dymment, a son, Marlan Albert.

March 22, to Mabel A. and Omer W. Garneau, a son, John Elmer.

March 23, to Hattie M. and Gerald A. Knox, a daughter, Annie May.

May 20, to Viola and Ronello D. Putnam, a daughter, Pauline Francis.

May 27, to Fabiola and Wilbur Parlin, a son, Herbert John.

June 9, to Madeline G. and Herbert E. Knox, a daughter, June Phyllis.

July 13, to Ethel Eastman and Maurice R. Tracy, a son, Baby Eastman Tracy.

August 2, to Delia and George A. Donahue, a son, Lewis Paul.

August 23, to Madelle D. and Lovell F. Oldham, a daughter, Leona Elaine.

September 1, to Lydia R. and Chas. W. Knox, a son, Theadore Charles.

October 10, to Mildred and Fred A. Russell, a son, Fred Albert Jr.

October 12, to Margaret E. and Chester R. McLeod, a son, Malcolm Gillespie.

October 28, to Effie J. and Dwight L. Bigelow, a daughter, Elanor Fern.

DEATHS

1925

April 13, Barlow S. Austin, aged 66 years, 11 months, 25 days.

April 16, Hattie May Knox, aged 24 years, 9 months, 13 days.

May 5, Leslie H. Irish Jr., aged 5 months, 2 days.

May 20, Eliphalet P. Haynes, aged 64 years, 8 months, 17 days.

May 26, at Stoughton, Mass., Revillo A. Knight, aged 68 years, 10 months, 15 days.

June 6, at Auburn, James M. Gammon, aged 91 years, 1 month, 10 days.

August 7, Marshall H. Babb, aged 36 years, 17 days.

August 29, Andrew Jackson Hall.

October 29, Hattie E. Easter, aged 69 years, 5 months, 19 days.

November 23, Malcolm Cole Tracy, aged 5 years, 6 months, 24 days.

December 4, Sylvester Frost, aged 82 years, 1 month, 4 days.

1926

January 8, John C. Wyman, aged 87 years, 9 months, 24 days.

January 14, James P. York, aged 73 years, 4 months, 26 days.

HOWARD TURNER, Town Clerk.