Annual Report of the Officers of the Town of Peru, For The Year Ending Feb. 12, 1910

Peru (Me.)
TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor:
ALBERT S. HOLMAN, AMBROSE B. McINTIRE, OSBORN O. TRACY.

Clerk,
WILLARD S. ARNOLD.

Treasurer,
HENRY R. ROBINSON.

Superintendent of Schools,
B. W. KILBRETH.

Collector,
W. S. ARNOLD.

Constables,
W. S. ARNOLD, CLARENCE ROBINSON, C. M. SMALL.

School Committee,
A. B. McINTIRE, O. L. KNIGHT, D. W. WALKER.

Board of Health:
E. S. NEWTON, U. G. McINTIRE, E. G. CHILD.

Truant Officer,
E. S. NEWTON.
Report of Selectmen.

The Selectmen of the town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 14, 1910.

VALUATION.

Real estate, resident, $152,494 00
Real estate, non-resident, 40,820 00
Personal estate, resident, 39,617 00
Personal estate, non-resident, 1,111 00

Total Valuation, $234,042 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax, $ 806 84
County tax, 415 78
To defray town charges, 600 00
For support of poor, 400 00
For schools, 1,300 00
For roads and bridges, 1,400 00
For snow bills, 600 00
For deficiency in road bills of 1908, 500 00
For building Pond road, 200 00
For State road, 44 50
For high school, 200 00
For repairs on schoolhouses, 200 00
For school books, 75 00
For guide boards, 50 00
For Memorial purposes, 5 00
Overlay, 178 04

Total commitment, $6,975 16
Percentage of assessment, .028.
Number of polls, 250.
Number of polls taxed, 211.
Poll tax, $2.00.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

We have leased the town farm and personal property thereon to A. B. McIntire for one year from April 6, 1909. He is to leave the property in as good condition as when received and pay the town $60.00 for use of same.

Schedule of personal property on the farm: 12 hens, 100 lbs. of pork, two-thirds bbl. flour.

POOR ACCOUNT.

Appropriation, $400 00
Paid A. B. McIntire for support of Horace Clark, from May 25, 1909, to Feb. 15, 1910, $265 00
Paid town of Leeds for support of F. J. Wing and family, 36 95
Paid town of Leeds for support of S. P. Wing, 21 00
Paid city of Auburn for support of Alton Burgess, 19 30
Paid C. H. Luce for support of C. H. Cox, 7 30

$349 55

Balance unexpended, $60 45
STATE PAUPERS AND POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid Geo. E. Goding for supplies furnished C. H. Wing and wife, $148.33
Paid J. S. Sturtevant for medical attendance, 30.00
Paid Bert W. Davis for wood, 21.00
Paid Hannah J. Child for washing, 4.50
Paid O. O. Tracy for supplies, 2.25
Paid Chas. Andrews for wood, 8.50
Paid E. D. Wing for board and care, 27.86

Received from State on account of
C. H. Wing and wife, $164.68
Due from State, 77.76

$242.44

Paid for support of Eliza D. Kennedy,
Received from town of Avon on account of
Eliza D. Kennedy, $132.51
Paid for support of Ellery Whittemore,
Due from town of Mexico on account of Ellery Whittemore, 27.71
Paid Wm. Pease for medical attendance for Vera Holt, 16.00
Received from town of Mexico on account of Vera Holt, 16.00

PAID MAINE INSANE HOSPITAL.

For support of Wallace S. Deshon, $167.91
For support of Lena E. Durrell, 208.59
For support of Sarah Lovejoy, 91.56

$468.06
TOWN REPORT.

Received from M. T. Deshon, guardian, on account of Wallace S. Deshon, $167 91
Received from town of Dixfield, on account of Lena E. Durrell, 208 59
Received from J. S. Harlow, on account of Sarah Lovejoy, 91 56

$468 06

MEMORIAL PURPOSES.

Appropriation, $5 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid H. E. Stillman, $4 65

Unexpended, $ 35

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation, $1,400 00
Set aside for State road, 89 00

$1,311 00

W. E. TYLER, COMMISSIONER.

ORDERS DRAWN.

W. E. Tyler, $62 00
A. L. York, 28 05
Emerson Oldham, 27 12
John Gillespie, 27 00
C. B. Knox, 22 50
M. H. Babb, 24 00
M. H. Oldham, 13 12
L. E. Libby, 78 75
Cleston Knox, 24 00
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E. G. Bassett, 10 85
A. L. York, 18 50
C. B. Knox, 14 25
Clleston Knox, 16 50
Wallace Howard, 3 00
Emerson Oldham, 15 75
L. E. Libby, 45 00
S. H. McIntire, 18 15
John A. Putnam, 25 63
Emerson Oldham, 9 61
W. E. Tyler, 28 00
C. J. Tracy, 8 28
V. A. Farrar, 14 37
Kidder Brothers, 18 68
A. D. Wentworth, 130 62
M. T. Deshon, 2 82
John Gillespie, 15 00
W. S. Hotham, 123 75
W. E. Tyler, 3 93
Paul St. Cyr, 1 35
A. L. York, 4 12
Frank Demerritt, 6 00
S. H. McIntire, 7 42
John Gillespie, 12 50
E. G. Bassett, 6 95
A. S. Holman, 3 30
J. C. Oldham, 3 34
J. P. York, 14 60
Dick Gill, 1 50
Stanley Bisbee, 15 25
H. H. Andrews, 17 00
E. S. Demerritt, water tub, 5 00
J. A. Putnam, 11 21
Ernest Andrews, 2 62
Hermon Fuller, 3 00
J. C. Wyman, water tub, 3 00
**TOWN REPORT.**

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$1,083.09

Balance unexpended, $227.91

**SNOW BILLS.**

Appropriation, $600.00

**EXPENDED PREVIOUS TO MARCH 1, 1909.**

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# Town Report

## Snow Bills After March 1, 1909

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SNOW BILLS FOR WINTER, 1909-1910.

Paid   C. J. Tracy,  $ 1 50
       H. R. Robinson,  2 10
       A. C. Hammond,  1 05
       D. W. Oldham,  1 80
       Frank Demerritt,  2 45
       E. G. Bassett,  25 65
       H. H. Andrews,  7 42
       O. R. Delano,  1 20
       J. E. Dow,  3 00
       J. W. Miller,  3 91
       E. G. Child,  1 63
       Ernest Andrews,  89
       C. F. Haines,  10 64

$229 73
A. W. Knight, 3 75
E. W. Knox, 11 25
H. L. Lovejoy, 4 49
J. E. Goggin, 90
E. B. Fletcher, 11 10
G. W. Oldham, 9 60
O. O. Tracey, 1 50
Robert Gillespie, 85
N. B. Lufkin, 8 50
John Gillespie, 3 23
Alex McFee, 7 60
E. M. Gammon, 1 65
E. L. Knox, 5 40
W. E. Tyler, 10 25
W. S. Hotham, 1 20
J. S. Russell, 8 80
A. S. Holman, 4 00
Herbert Lunt, 1 73
J. C. Morrill, 5 50
R. S. Tracy, 52
J. C. Oldham, 6 95
B. C. Kidder, 3 79
Sewell Staples, 10 10
V. W. Farrar, 17 10
Dick Gill, 80

$203 80

Unexpended balance, $28 99
GUIDE BOARDS.

Appropriation, $50 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid  C. F. Oldham, for boards,  $4 95
      Charles Swett, for painting,  5 95
      L. E. Irish, for posts and erecting,  6 60
      Carl S. Holman, for erecting,  3 00

$20 50

Balance unexpended, $29 50

NEW ROAD.

Appropriation, $200 00

Paid  J. C. Oldham, for labor,  $15 75
      Emerson Oldham,  17 50
      W. E. Tyler,  20 15
      B. C. Kidder,  13 50
      J. S. Russell,  42 50
      W. S. Haines,  15 00
      W. H. Cox,  13 50
      Burger M'f'g. Co.,  31 90
      E. E. Cox,  10 50
      M. H. Oldham,  17 00
      Kidder Brothers,  7 00
      P. K. Child,  8 05

$212 35

Overdrawn, $12 35
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STATE ROAD.

Appropriation:
Highway money set aside, $89 00
Raised by town, 44 50
Received from State, 166 76

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Cleston Knox, $7 50
V. A. Farrar, 21 25
Emerson Oldham, 7 00
John Gillespie, 7 50
Fred Gillespie, 7 50
A. L. York, 8 25
A. L. York, 15 67
S. H. McIntire, 22 27
Emerson Oldham, 15 75
Winnie Knox, 12 75
Cleston Knox, 13 50
John Gillespie, 15 00
Harry Lovejoy, 13 50
J. P. York, 65 87
W. E. Tyler, 32 00
W. E. Tyler, 10 95
Burger M’f’g. Co., 24 00

$300 26
TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Amount raised by town, $1,300 00
Interest on school fund, 34 38
Unexpended balance from 1908, 16 68
Received from town of Hartford, 11 00
Received for tuition, 892 38

$2,254 44

EXPENDITURES.

Bills approved by superintending committee, $2,267 26

Overdrawn, $12 82

TUITION FOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

Appropriation, $200 00
Paid town of Dixfield, $130 00
Paid town of Dixfield, 8 00
Paid town of Canton, 10 18
Paid town of Gorham, 7 60
Due town of Hebron, 10 00
Due town of Canton, 32 00

$197 78

Unexpended balance, $ 2 22

REPAIRS ON SCHOOLHOUSES.

Appropriation, $200 00
Unexpended balance, Feb. 12, 1909, 34 53

$234 53
EXPENDITURES.

Paid bills approved by Superintending School Committee, $215 51

Unexpended balance, $19 02

TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriation, $75 00
Unexpended balance Feb. 12, 1909, 3 31

$111 49

EXPENDITURES.

Bills paid, approved by school committee, $104 67

Unexpended balance, $6 82

ABATEMENTS ON TAX BILLS OF 1908.

Hersey K. Williams, deceased, personal, $1 04
Frank Stanwood, poll, paid in Rumford, 2 00
Fred Buker, poll, 2 00

$5 04

PAID FOR DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

J. H. Lovejoy & Son, $43 00
E. P. Burgess, 9 00
W. H. Phinney, 4 50

$56 50

Due from State, on account of damage done by dogs, 56 50
WHY IN THE NAME OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

Didn't You Take up with Our 10 cent Offer Last Year?

You did? Pardon me, so you did and are one of our valued readers today, but there is another fellow there who did not and we want to prove to him as we have proven to you that

The Oxford County Citizen

is the best paper in the County and the only one that covers every nook and corner of the County.

THE EDITOR HAS

A Ten Cent Bank

and all he needs now is 10 cent pieces and the game is won. To fill said bank is his aim. The following is his method. To every person who will send 10 cents for his bank he will send the BEST PAPER IN OXFORD COUNTY until JUNE 1st, 1910.

Wrap your 10 cents in this sheet, write your name and address plainly and send them to

E. C. BOWLER, Bethel, Maine.

If you do not desire to continue the paper after June 1st, it will be stopped.

Name

Address
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid E. C. Bowler, for printing town report for year ending Feb. 12, 1909, $24.00
A. L. Stanwood, for certificates of births and deaths, 75
Loring, Short & Harmon, for blanks, 13.83
One-half cost of ferry, 79.78
J. S. Sturtevant, by order of school committee and board of health, 6.00
U. G. McIntire, for chemicals for disinfecting, 9.60
C. D. North, certificates of births and deaths, 1.00
J. S. Harlow, for legal services, 3.00
H. R. Robinson, treasurer's incidentals, 2.60
A. S. Holman, incidentals, cash paid out for car fare, postage, justice fees, blanks, stationery and telephoning, 12.97
W. S. Arnold, Town Clerk, postage, 1.32
B. W. Kilbreth, Superintendent, 28.86
School incidentals, 82.89
H. R. Robinson, for cash paid for recording deed of school lot, 50
W. S. Arnold, for grass seed for town farm, 3.60
Kidder Brothers, for nails and staples for town farm, 1.75

$272.45

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid A. S. Holman, selectman, assessor, etc., $116.50
A. B. McIntire, selectman, assessor, etc., 73.00
O. O. Tracy, selectman, assessor, etc., 61.00
H. R. Robinson, treasurer, 45.00
Due W. S. Arnold, collecting and constable, 10.95
Paid W. S. Arnold, collector, 60.00
B. W. Kilbreth, superintendent, 120.60
A. B. McIntire, member school committee, 6 00
O. L. Knight, member school committee, 6 99
D. W. Walker, member school committee, 7 20
U. G. McIntire, member board of health, 9 50
E. S. Newton, member board of health, 1 50
E. G. Child, member board of health, 1 25
O. C. Hopkins, moderator, 2 00
W. S. Arnold, town clerk, 13 95

$535 44

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Expense of town’s poor, $349 55
Roads and bridges, 1,654 10
State road, 300 26
New road, 212 35
Guide boards, 20 50
Paid for tuition for high school, 197 78
for amount overdrawn for schools, 12 82
for repairs on schoolhouses, 215 51
for text books, 104 67
abatements, 5 04
miscellaneous expenses, 272 45
town officers’ bills, 535 44
interest on permanent school fund, 34 38
memorial purposes, 4 65

$3,919 50

RECEIPTS.

Amount raised to defray town charges, $600 00
for support of poor, 400 00
roads and bridges, 2,000 00
new road, 200 00
for deficiency of highway, 1908, 500 00
TOWN REPORT.

for State road, 44 50
for guide boards, 50 00
for memorial services, 5 00
for tuition, 200 00
for repairs on schoolhouses, 200 00
for school books, 75 00
Overlay, 178 04
Reed. from State, dog license refunded, 66 18
Reed. interest on tax deeds, 1 80
Reed. from State for tuition, 37 11
Due from State for tuition, 61 78
Reed. from State, on account of State road, 166 76
Due from A. B. McIntire, rent of farm, 60 00
Due from superintendent for stationery and pencils sold, 10 94

$4,857 11

LIST OF UNPAID TAXES FOR YEAR 1909.

Stillman Bishop, poll, $2 00
George V. Child, poll, 2 00
Edwin T. Child, personal, 98
Thomas Cunningham, poll and personal, 6 10
W. F. Downs, personal, 1 61
Leon Fuller, poll and personal, 2 70
Simeon Morrill, poll and personal, 2 42
Charles Murphy, poll, 2 00
Russell A. Newton, poll, 2 00
Oscar Putnam, personal, 1 82
Charles B. Standish, poll, 2 00
Samuel B. Wade, poll, 2 00
William T. Wood, poll, 2 00

$29 63
FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN, FEB. 14, 1910.

RESOURCES.

Cash in hands of treasurer, $3,541 06
Due on tax bills of 1909, 29 63
Tax deeds on hand, 48 65
Due from State, on account of paupers, 77 76
Due from town of Mexico, for paupers, 27 71
Due from State, tuition, 61 78
Due from State, damage by dogs, 56 50
Due from B. W. Kilbreth, superintendent,
    for paper and pencils sold, 10 94
Due from A. B. McIntire, rent of farm, 60 00
Town farm and personal property, 533 00

$4,447 03

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders, $943 18
Due the collector, 10 95

$954 13

Resources over liabilities, $3,492 90

We have stricken from the resources of the town, tax deeds to the amount of $63.42, which we consider to be worthless,

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. HOLMAN,
A. B. McINTIRE,
O. O. TRACY,
Selectmen of Peru.
Treasurer's Report.

Feb. 12, 1909.  HENRY R. ROBINSON, Treas.,

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$12,353 96
### TOWN REPORT.

**Feb. 14, 1910.**

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<td>By orders and receipts turned over,</td>
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Report of Superintendent of Schools.

To the Superintending School Committee of Peru:
I have the honor to submit my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of persons in town from 5 to 21 years of age, 218
Number of pupils registered in spring term, 133
Number of pupils registered in fall term, 138
Number of pupils registered in winter term, 127
Average attendance in spring term, 121
Average attendance in fall term, 127
Average attendance in winter term, 112
Number of terms taught by male teachers, 2
Number of terms taught by female teachers, 20
Average wages of teachers per week, $7.93
Number of cases of tardiness for the year, 309
Number of pupils not absent one-half day, 78
Average number of daily recitations, 23
Number of visits of citizens, 77
Number of visits of Superintendent, 49
COMMON SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance March 1, 1909, $ 16 68
Appropriation, 1,300 00
School land fund, 34 38
State school fund, 892 38
Reed. from town of Hartford for tuition, 8 00
Due from town of Hartford, tuition, 3 00

$2,254 44

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages, $1,855 50
Conveying, 270 05
Janitors, 46 35
Fuel, 35 36

$2,267 26

Overdrawn, $12 82

FUEL.

Eva Dixon, $ 75
William Jordan, 60
Harold Holman, 1 13
Frank Demerritt, 5 00
H. R. Robinson & Son, 14 88
W. J. Miller, 12 00
E. G. Bassett, 10 00
J. P. York, 6 50
Frank Demerritt, 22 50
R. S. Tracey, 12 00
L. E. Irish, 10 00

$95 36
### JANITORS.

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<td>Mary McIntire</td>
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Total: $46.35

### CONVEYANCE.

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<td>Mrs. Elmer Knox</td>
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<td>John Oldham</td>
<td>two terms</td>
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<td>Mrs. J. E. Dow</td>
<td>nearly 4 weeks</td>
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### REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

### RESOURCES.

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<td>Frank Godish, damage to school desk</td>
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Total: $404.53
EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Stockbridge, $30.00
Melvin Knox, 1.00
A. W. Atkins, 14.43
Linwood Knox, 4.20
C. L. Dillingham, 4.33
Dixfield Lumber Co., 7.35
N. B. Woodsum, 74.88
A. W. Atkins & Son, 59.52
Kidder Bros., 4.80

$200.51

Unexpended balance, $204.02
Cash paid for Union Hall, 1908-1909, 182.50

Balance unexpended, $21.52

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Unexpended balance, March 1, 1909, $3.31
Appropriation, 75.00
Town of Dixfield, 2.50
Edward E. Babb & Co., 29.68
Myrtle Bisbee, 1.00

$111.49

EXPENDITURES.

American Book Co., $11.04
Ginn & Co., 7.00
Sylvester Frost, express, 1.25
Edward E. Babb & Co., 18.50
American Book Co., 16.56
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B. W. Kilbreth, express, 2.45
Ginn & Co., 17.60
Ginn & Co., 7.92
Silver, Burdett & Co., 18.00
Edward E. Babb & Co., 5.35

Total: $105.67

Unexpended balance, $5.82

APPARATUS ACCOUNT.

Unexpended balance, $14.70

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Appropriation, $200.00

Cash paid out for tuition of Peru scholars attending Dixfield High School.

Ethel Demerritt, three terms, $30.00
Sydney Goggin, one term, 10.00
Charles Robinson, one term, 10.00
Blanche McIntire, three terms, 30.00
Wallace Howard, two terms, 20.00
Lottie McIntire, two terms, 20.00
Leon McIntire, one term, 10.00

Total: $130.00

Cash paid town of Paris, for tuition of Mabel Richardson, two terms, 8.00
Cash paid town of Gorham, for tuition of Leo Lunt, two terms, 7.60
Cash paid town of Canton, for tuition of Colby Walker and Harold Holman, 10.18
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Due town of Canton, for tuition of Colby Walker and Harold Holman, two terms each, 32 00
Due town of Hebron for tuition of Irving Getchell, one term, 10 00

$197 78

Balance unexpended, $2 22

INCIDENTAL EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

M. C. R. R., for freight on School furniture delivered in Aug. 1906, 13 34
B. W. Kilbreth, for cash paid for freight and legal advice from John S. Harlow, on school matters, 2 00
C. E. Dunham, 10 brooms, 2 50
Edward E. Babb & Co., two dictionary holders, 3 00
Flora E. McIntire, for cleaning Union schoolhouse, 2 50
A. L. Harlow, for water pail and dipper, hinges and flag rope, 1 24
Eva J. Dixon, for cleaning Dickvale schoolhouse, 2 50
B. W. Kilbreth, for ink and cash paid mail carrier, 1 40
Mrs. Della Oldham, for cleaning Pond schoolhouse, 2 00
Mrs. Mary Irish, for cleaning and picking up yard at East Peru schoolhouse, 3 00
Holt Brothers, rank bills and book labels, 5 60
Addie Jordan, for cleaning schoolhouse at West Peru, 5 50
Joseph A. Putnam, for ink, pens and pencils, 4 83
D. H. Knowlton, & Co., for colored crayon, 2 16
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B. W. Kilbreth, for cash paid mail carrier, G. W. God-  
ing, C. L. Dillingham and Herbert Lunt for  
zinc, dampers and cleaning out out buildings,  
4 10
Edward E. Babb & Co., for examination papers, 100  
nnewspaper pads, erasers, book covers and note  
books,  
13 20
Kidder Brothers, for pens, ink, tablets, chalk, etc.,  
4 36

$93.83

Received cash for paper and pencils sold,  
$9 69
Received cash from J. P. York, for 1 window,  
1 25

$10 94

$82 89

SUPERINTENDENT'S INCIDENTALS.

Holt Bros., for 750 'envelopes and 250 letter heads,  
and cutting down and printing 400 letter  
heads,  
$6 25
B. W. Kilbreth, cash paid out for car fare, telephoning,  
horse hire and postage,  
3 23
J. G. Hall, for horse hire, three trips to Union, one  
to Dickvale,  
2 45
B. W. Kilbreth, for car fare and postage,  
3 78
Sumner Knox, for horse hire, two trips to Union,  
three to Dickvale,  
3 75
Alice Hall, for horse hire, two trips to O. L. Knights',  
1 50
Sumner Knox, for horse hire, one trip to Union, one  
to Highland,  
1 50
B. W. Kilbreth, for car fare, telephoning and postage,  
6 40

$28 86
### TOWN REPORT.

### School Statistics.

#### SPRING.

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During the past year your schools have maintained a fair average attendance. On the whole the work of the teachers has been satisfactory and the work of the schools well carried out. Teachers are not above criticism, but they should never be made the topic for discussion in a social gathering, stores, or the worst of all in the presence of school children. On the present scale of wages, we cannot demand of teachers the work which they would gladly
do, (the most of them,) under different circumstances. To bring our schools to the highest standard, we must improve the conditions under which our teachers work, financial and otherwise, until we may demand, thorough equipment on their part.

The general progress of the pupils has been very satisfactory. There is a tendency to cover too much ground, "to get through the book," and not do the work thoroughly. This condition is due to two reasons. Parents are anxious to have their children advance and are often dissatisfied when children are 'put back' though it is evident that they are not prepared to do the advanced work. In the second place the teachers have not at hand the supplementary material that will give the additional drill that is needed.

CONVEYANCE.

This is the most difficult of all school problems. Our system of conveyance is not perfect by any means. We should as a town, provide a comfortable vehicle, a responsible man or woman as driver, and a safe team. As to when and under what conditions we should convey, I say, when children can be benefited by conveying them to a better school than can be furnished in their own neighborhood, it should be done. The past year we have conveyed scholars from the head of the Pond to the Worthley Pond school, from the Highland district to the Union school, during the spring and fall terms, also from the Franklin Annex, so-called, during a part of the spring term.

REPAIRS.

The school buildings at the present time are in a fairly good condition, with the exception of paint. The past year we shingled one side of the West Peru school building, clapboarded and painted, one coat, the front ends of the Worthley Pond and East Peru schoolhouses.

The Dickvale schoolhouse needs shingling on one side
TOWN REPORT.

and the front end clapboarded. We have on hand, clapboards enough to do the job I think. All schoolhouses need paint.

TEXT BOOKS.

We have not made any great changes the past year in text books. We have simply supplied existing needs and if we had not sold the high school books that we had on hand, we should have had to overdraw our appropriation. We are living in an age of prosperity, and I do not believe it policy to keep a text book in our schools after one has come from the press that takes up the same work in a better way.

Our school year ought not to be less than thirty-three weeks.

Under the terms of chapter 177 of the Public Laws of 1909, a State tax of one and a half mills is to be assessed annually upon all the property of the State for the support of common schools. There is another new fund from which we shall get a great benefit, this is called the Additional State fund for common schools.

Method of distribution of new fund:

The fund made available by the new law will be distributed to the cities, towns and plantations on the following basis: one-third according to the number of scholars and two-thirds according to the valuation as fixed by the State assessors.

As affecting this town:

On account of the variation in the number of scholars, it is not possible to state with absolute accuracy the amount we will receive from the State in January, 1911.

Using the last school census as a basis, an approximate estimate can be made. As you will notice by my report, we received this last year, $892.38 from the State. By this new fund we will receive in January, 1911, approximately $1,406.22, which would be an increase of $513.84.
In closing my report, I should like to express my appreciation of the faithful and conscientious efforts of teachers and pupils, in the different schools, and to you, as citizens of the town of Peru, I would at the next annual meeting in March, give some of these gentlemen that pretend to be so interested in our school affairs and can quote so much school law, a chance to show their ability in conducting our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

BURT W. KILBRETII, Superintendent.
Report of School Board.

We shall need for the support of the common schools this year, $1,100.00 and we earnestly recommend this amount. For the tuition of high school scholars, $200.00, for repairs, $225, text books, $100.

A. B. McINTIRE,
D. W. WALKER,
O. L. KNIGHT,
School Board, Town of Peru.
Clerk's Report.

To the residents of the town of Peru:

Having been Town Clerk for several years, I wish to say a few words in regard to dogs. If you have a dog that you do not intend to pay the tax on, have him killed before April 1st. It will save the selectmen and clerk considerable time and bother. It would save the future town clerk considerable time and bother if you would have all dogs licensed by April 10th, as the law requires.

You are liable to a fine of $10.00 after April 10th, to be recovered on complaint of any resident of the town, if your dog is not licensed on that date, one half that sum to go to the person making complaint and one half to the town treasurer.

The tax this year will be one dollar and fifteen cents on a male dog and five dollars and fifteen cents on a female dog, and each dog must wear a collar, distinctly marked with the owner's name and address and the registered number.

The selectmen have to issue an extra warrant to the constable, this year, returnable the first day of February, to kill all dogs not found collared and marked as above.

Save next year's constable the making of any enemies and get your dogs collared according to law.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. ARNOLD, Town Clerk.
Vital Statistics.

DEATHS RECORDED IN TOWN OF PERU.

Jan. 5, 1909, Althea Williams, age 19 years, 2 months, 4 days.
Jan. 31, 1909, Angeline Chase, age 73 years, 6 months, 13 days.
Feb. 4, 1909, Alfred B. Walker, age 68 years, 5 months, 13 days.
Feb. 20, 1909, James L. Putnam, age 32 years, 10 months, 7 days.
Feb. 26, 1909, Edith M. Cox, age 38 years, 7 months, 26 days.
March 20, 1909, Eva M. Howard, age 1 year, 9 months, 19 days.
March 22, 1909, Emily A. Simpson, age 82 years, 7 months, 13 days.
March 31, 1909, Charles H. Kidder, age 69 years, 8 months, 25 days.
Feb. 28, 1909, Alonzo A. C. Abbott, age 82 years, 3 months, 4 days.
April 22, 1909, Eliza D. Kennedy, age 41 years, 11 months, 24 days.
June 17, 1909, Emma J. Conant, age 55 years, 9 months, 11 days.
June 26, 1909, Josiah G. Hall, age 41 years, 11 months, 4 days.
July 23, 1909, Harry M. Smith, age 22 years, 5 months, 13 days.
Aug. 3, 1909, Sabrina Walker, age 83 years, 7 months, 18 days.
Sept. 8, 1909, Elizabeth F. Morrell, age 8 years, 10 months.
Sept. 24, 1909, Samuel F. Robinson, age 63 years, 1 month, 18 days.
days.
Sept. 29, 1909, infant of W. S. Haines and wife, 1 month.
Oct. 25, 1909, Sarah E. Burgess, age 86 years, 6 months, 20
days.
Nov. 11, 1909, Bethiah Knox, age 80 years, 8 months, 27
days.
Nov. 26, 1909, Betsy M. Small, age 58 years, 4 months, 11
days.
Jan. 8, 1909, Sylvia Morrell, age 93 years, 6 months, 19 days.
W. S. ARNOLD, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS IN TOWN OF PERU FOR YEAR 1909.

Jan. 10, 1909, to wife of Llewellyn A. Farrar, a boy.
Feb. 9, 1909, to wife of H. Burton Smith, a girl.
April 5, 1909, to wife of Harry L. Lovejoy, a boy.
April 7, 1909, to wife of Wilmer Kidder, a girl.
April 29, to the wife of D. O. Delano, (S. B.) a boy.
May 2, 1909, to wife of Jos. A. Putnam, a girl.
May 23, 1909, to wife of Chas. B. Standish, a girl.
Aug. 4, 1909, to wife of W. J. L. Seavey, a boy.
Aug. 17, 1909, to wife of Richard Gill, a girl.
Aug. 23, 1909, to wife of C. Arthur Newton, a girl.
Sept. 1, 1909, to wife of Willis S. Haines, a boy.
Oct. 10, 1909, to wife of Ambrose B. McIntire, a girl.

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Jan. 1, 1910, to wife of Arthur H. Floyd, a boy.
Jan. 5, 1910, to wife of Marshall H. Babb, a girl.

W. S. ARNOLD, Town Clerk.
MARRIAGES RECORDED IN TOWN OF PERU, 1909.

March 27, 1909, by Edwin S. Longley at Peru, John Eberthart and Rose Libby.
April 17, 1909, by Edwin S. Longley at Peru, Joseph A. Arnold and Daisy B. Dwinal.
May 18, 1909, by Bernard Christopher at Canton, Marshall H. Babb and Daisy M. Conant.
June 26, 1909, by A. W. Pottle at Buckfield, Clarence H. Robinson and Mabel F. Sawyer.
Aug. 1, 1909, by G. B. Hannaford at Dixfield, George E. Goding and Mary E. Rowe.
Oct. 18, 1909, by Wm. E. Gaskin at Dixfield, Herman L. Fuller and Eva J. Dixon.

W. S. ARNOLD, Town Clerk.
Report of Board of Health.

The board of health of Peru submit their annual report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1910.

We have had in town the past year, 12 cases of measles, 3 nuisances removed and 2 deaths by tuberculosis, where a years ago we had 4. You will see by this that the death rate by this disease has been cut down one-half.

Let us consider this one terrible disease, tuberculosis. Every year more than 1,000 persons in our State, die of tuberculosis. In times before the Civil War, slaves were sold for $1,000 and upward. Then is it not a low estimate to say that on the average, each of these 1,000 persons among us, who go down to consumptives' graves every year would be worth to us $1,500 if they were saved? The most of these are cut down in youth, in early manhood or in early womanhood or in middle life, when their working and earning capacity is the greatest. Of the consumptives who died in 1908, over 60 per cent. were between the ages of 20 and 50.

This $1,500 multiplied by 1,000, equals $1,500,000. That means a loss of one million and a half a year as the value of lives destroyed by tuberculosis. But this is not the whole story. The loss of earnings while sick, the cost of medical treatment and medicines, nursing, and the waste of time of relatives and friends, travelling and funeral expenses, undoubtedly cost on the average, fully $1,000 for each of these victims of tuberculosis.

These expenses or losses are far below this for some of them, but for many others it is far greater and is many thousand dollars for some. We will take these figures to work from and we find we have saved the inhabitants of Peru the past year, $5,000, all of which we respectfully submit.

E. S. NEWTON,
E. G. CHILD,
U. G. McINTIRE,

Board of Health, Peru