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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Municipal Officers
OF THE
TOWN OF PERU

For the Year Ending
February 7th, 1931

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Town Officers

Moderator
ELBRIDGE G. CHILD

Town Clerk
HOWARD TURNER

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor
E. G. CHILD E. B. KNOX L. A. HALL

Treasurer
HOWARD TURNER

Collector of Taxes
S. A. HAZELTON

Constable
S. A. HAZELTON

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber
W. J. BRYANT C. H. ROBINSON

Sextons
BENJAMIN LOVEJOY A. W. KNIGHT MERLE B. KNOX

Road Commissioner
F. A. SMITH

Superintendent of Schools
FRANK McGOULDRICK

Superintending School Committee
MABELLE ROBINSON FLORENCE PACKARD
STELLA WIKEN

Sealer of Weights and Measures
FRED S. SEARLES

Fire Ward
C. H. ROBINSON

Board of Health
ADNA W. KNIGHT OSCAR T. WOODBURY
SYLVESTER SEARLES

Health Officer
SYLVESTER SEARLES

Report of Selectmen

The Selectmen of the Town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending February 7, 1931.

VALUATION

Real estate, resident,	\$237,235.00	
Real estate, non-resident,	111,560.00	
		\$348,795.00
Total real estate,		
Personal estate, resident,	\$49,949.00	
Personal estate, non-resident,	7,290.00	
		\$57,239.00
Total personal estate,		
Total valuation,		\$406,034.00
Total value of land,	\$182,419.00	
Total value of buildings,	166,376.00	

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses,	120	\$83.87	\$10,065.00
Colts, under 2 years old,	2	25.00	50.00
Cows,	312	33.32	10,395.00
Oxen,	2	112.50	225.00
Three years old,	74	27.55	2,039.00
Two years old,	142	25.56	3,629.00
Sheep, (over 25 in no.),	20	6.00	120.00
Poultry, (over 50 in no.),	448	.78	351.00
			\$26,874.00
Total amount,			

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

One year old,	155	\$14.62	\$ 2,266.00
Sheep, (to 35 in no.),	160	5.56	889.00
Swine, (to 10 in no.),	85	10.84	921.00
Poultry, (to 50 in no.),	2248	.77	1,739.00
			\$5,815.00
Total amount,			

ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade,		\$14,475.00
Logs,		450.00
Lumber,		4,685.00
Wood and bark,		180.00
Musical instruments,	56	4,400.00

Radios,	41	2,125.00
Furniture,		460.00
Materials in stock,		200.00
Portable Mills and Machinery,		600.00
Other property,		2,790.00
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Amount,		\$30,365.00
Amount of livestock and poultry,		26,874.00
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Total personal property		\$57,239.00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

State tax,		\$3,207.39
County tax,		1,410.19
For support of common schools,	\$4,200.00	
High school tuition,	2,500.00	
Text books and supplies,	200.00	
Repairs and equipment,	300.00	
Superintendence,	360.00	
Interest on school fund,	34.38	
Office expense of Supt.,	35.00	
School flags,	20.00	
Support of Poor,	1,200.00	
Summer roads and bridges,	3,000.00	
Winter roads,	1,400.00	
Maintenance of State Road,	1,200.00	
Maintenance of State Aid and Resolve Roads,	60.00	
Maintenance of third class road,	400.00	
Town Officer's bills,	1,200.00	
Miscellaneous town charges,	1,200.00	
Memorial purposes,	5.00	
Construction of State Aid Road,	533.00	
Metal culverts,	300.00	
Health nursing,	50.00	
Snow fence,	200.00	
Control White Pine Blister Rust,	100.00	
Purchase of road machine,	600.00	
Chemical tank for P. F. P. A.,	235.00	
Bal. construction L. P. Knox road,	47.88	
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Total appropriated for Town use,		\$19,380.26
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Appropriated and assessed,		\$23,997.84

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Overlay,	463.23
Excise tax not in commitment,	379.70
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Total raised,	\$24,840.77

Number of polls assessed, 244.
 Number of polls not taxed, 37.
 Poll tax, \$3.00.
 Rate of taxation, .056.
 Rate of collection, .013.

STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

Paid State,	\$408.00	
E. B. Knox,	5.00	
Lester Hall,	13.25	
F. A. Smith,	2.23	
Fred Searles,	2.09	
Town of Rumford,	109.73	
E. E. Oldham,	52.00	
Leon Luce,	1.25	
C. S. Luce,	52.00	
E. H. Luce	3.78	
J. C. Oldham,	48.00	
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Expended,		\$697.33
Appropriated,	\$1,200.00	
Received from State,	60.71	
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Amount,	\$1,260.71	
Overdrawn, 1929,	382.73	
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Available,		\$877.98
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Unexpended,		\$180.65

SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES

Paid F. A. Smith, Road Commissioner,	\$420.21
Fred Searles,	242.46
Oscar Putnam,	5.60
Geo. Heffron,	5.06
Leslie Gordon,	26.51
Ashley Rafuse,	10.00
Maurice Oldham,	173.39
E. W. Sturtevant,	17.45

W. B. Gillespie,	24.14
A. L. Harlow,	25.24
Wm. Johnson,	64.96
Howard Child,	62.81
A. L. Lovejoy,	13.00
Waldo Porter,	3.50
J. E. Irish,	5.35
A. G. Walker,	58.50
H. D. Packard,	32.16
J. C. Oldham,	43.41
E. E. Oldham,	73.22
M. H. Oldham,	53.62
A. H. Hall & Son,	102.78
Ralph Kidder,	1.56
Millard Kidder,	1.56
Thos. Price,	73.50
Frank Searles	190.31
Willis N. McGuire	15.95
Lubert McGuire,	18.02
Wm. E. Flagg,	10.50
Wallace Andrews,	26.25
U. G. McIntire,	8.00
Melvin Lovejoy,	115.89
Ed. Lufkin,	98.25
M. M. Farrar,	35.75
Carl Waldo	7.50
W. W. Tainter,	23.63
C. L. Hammond,	66.58
Alex. McFee,	77.13
C. H. Robinson,	11.30
D. C. Chenery,	102.87
C. L. Knox,	.78
H. E. Knox,	31.50
Lester Blaisdell,	36.94
Herman Farnham,	40.44
Ralph Farnham,	40.44
John Frost,	136.61
Thos. Saunders,	35.00
Raymond Lufkin,	17.50
L. O. Babb,	2.25
E. H. Luce,	11.76
H. Lowell Shaw,	3.00
Benedict Dragoon,	89.21

Felix Godish,	3.51	
Elwin Cunningham,	38.89	
Alton York,	350.00	
Alex. Godish,	19.50	
Godish & Dragoon,	11.10	
Frank Godish,	22.50	
D. S. Bryant,	33.60	
Geo. Easter,	5.10	
Chas. A. Lane,	11.90	
Simon Tutlis,	18.00	
Wm. Balcunis,	3.50	
J. V. Wiken,	.50	
M. B. Knox,	.40	
Lane Bros.,	22.50	
Isaac Searles,	14.00	
Elmer Child,	2.75	
Oscar Austin,	17.00	
H. E. Rafuse,	10.00	
S. A. Hazelton,	11.81	
H. L. Libby,	2.00	
V. A. Eastman,	7.30	
Adolph Grudginsky,	11.13	
E. G. Child,	1.21	
N. B. Lufkin,	10.00	
Thos. Cunningham,	2.00	
E. C. Hines,	15.00	
E. C. Knox,	.70	
Expended,		\$3,092.75
Appropriated,	\$3,000.00	
Overdrawn, 1929,	8.60	
Available,		\$2,991.40
Overdrawn,		\$101.35
	L. P. KNOX ROAD	
Overdrawn, 1929,		\$47.88
Appropriated,		\$47.88
	ROAD MACHINE	
Paid Austin Rd. Mehry. Co.,		\$813.40
Appropriated,		600.00
Overdrawn,		\$213.40

 THIRD CLASS ROAD MAINTENANCE

Paid F. A. Smith,	\$80.01	
Fred Searles,	39.82	
Thos. Price,	8.75	
Frank Searles,	48.19	
W. M. McGuire,	3.30	
Lubert McGuire,	1.23	
Wm. E. Flag,	3.50	
Wallace Andrews,	3.50	
Ed. Lufkin,	21.41	
H. L. Shaw,	6.66	
D. C. Chenery,	22.76	
Melvin Lovejoy,	32.09	
Herman Farnham,	2.34	
Lester Blaisdell,	2.34	
Ralph Farnham,	2.34	
Richard Powell,	32.47	
Elwin Cunningham,	35.00	
John Frost,	38.05	
Benedict Dragoon,	20.00	
Leslie Gordon,	3.78	
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Expended,		\$407.54
Appropriated,	\$400.00	
Overdrawn, 1929,	23.36	
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Available,		\$376.64
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Overdrawn,		\$30.90

STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Paid Carl Rand,	\$195.16
Gerald Hutchinson,	42.00
Louis Taylor,	25.67
Chas. Mathews,	25.67
Chas. Lane,	48.66
Walter Rand,	48.33
Claud Merrill,	25.67
Chas. Walker,	86.11
Dana Chase,	25.67
Guy Merrill,	22.17
Ferdinand Chabot,	35.59
John Votier,	37.34
Edwin Welch,	4.67

Frank Patterson,	25.67
Cheldon Dymont,	27.61
Pink York,	25.67
Fred Sawtell,	25.67
Malcolm Rand,	12.16
Will Babb,	33.84
Wm. Johnson,	36.17
Leslie Phinney,	30.34
E. E. Howard,	54.83
Fred Searles,	35.59
Douglas Swett,	5.00
Fred Ford,	17.50
Glenroy Gill,	22.75
David Merchant,	40.84
Fred Lamay,	16.92
Pete Lamay,	16.92
George Lavorgna,	16.92
Fred Freeman,	20.42
Kenneth Newman,	23.14
Roland Burgess,	23.14
Richard Powell,	23.14
F. A. Smith,	27.33
Isaac Searles,	23.14
David Chenery,	19.25
Herman Farnham,	23.14
Frank Norris,	23.14
Frank Searles,	24.31
Ralph Farnham,	8.75
John Hammond,	37.22
Weldon Pierce,	13.89
Elwin Farrar,	23.14
Leonard Riggs,	23.14
Albion Douglas,	70.00
Armand Parent,	66.50
Harry Libby,	65.92
John Frost,	58.34
Mabra Packard,	22.17
Walter Rand,	15.33
Marco Lavorgna,	13.42
Glendon Hutchinson,	58.92
Chas. Whitermore,	8.56
New England Culvert Co.,	67.62
C. H. Towle, twine,	.90

I. C. Kidder, dynamite,	4.59	
A. H. Hall & Son, gas,	10.50	
D. F. Bryant, hauling tractor	20.00	
A. G. Howard, rocks,	48.00	
S. A. Hazelton, gravel,	64.35	
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Expended,		\$1,998.52
Appropriated by State,	\$1,066.00	
Appropriated by Town,	533.00	
Unexpended, 1929,	77.52	
Available,		<hr/> \$1,676.52
Overdrawn,		<hr/> \$322.00

STATE AID AND RESOLVE ROAD MAINTENANCE

Paid Maurice Oldham,	\$47.61	
F. A. Smith,	4.01	
Fred Searles,	3.76	
Frank Searles,	1.76	
D. C. Chenery,	1.76	
E. E. Oldham,	1.10	
J. C. Oldham,	1.10	
Harold Packard,	15.66	
A. H. Hall & Son,	2.00	
E. H. Luce,	2.20	
Elwin Cunningham,	3.50	
Howard Child,	22.75	
Wm. Johnson,	21.00	
A. G. Walker,	5.83	
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Expended,		\$134.04
Appropriated,	\$60.00	
Rec'd from State,	58.80	
Unexpended, 1929,	72.76	
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Available,		\$191.56
Unexpended,		<hr/> \$57.52

SNOW FENCE

Paid N. E. Culvert Co.,		\$196.00
Appropriated,	\$200.00	

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Unexpended, 1929,	8.39	
Available,		\$208.39
Unexpended,		\$12.39

METAL CULVERTS

Paid New England Culvert Co.,		\$285.77
Appropriated,	\$300.00	
Unexpended, 1929,	12.73	
Available,		\$312.73
Unexpended,		\$26.96

PERU—MEXICO BRIDGE

Paid Town of Dixfield, lighting & repairs,		\$11.17
Unexpended, 1929,		\$466.54
Unexpended,		\$455.37

THIRD CLASS ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Paid Carl Rand,	\$147.00
Walter Rand,	131.77
Fred Freeman,	51.72
Kenneth Newman,	48.22
Mabra Packard,	50.36
Roland Burgess,	48.22
Richard Powell,	45.89
F. A. Smith,	135.55
Isaac Searles,	44.72
David Chenery,	44.72
Herman Farnham,	44.72
Frank Searles,	39.67
Frank Norris,	42.39
Ralph Farnham,	44.72
Douglas Swett,	50.00
John Hammond,	118.89
Weldon Pierce,	57.22
Elwin Farrar,	41.22
Leonard Riggs,	37.72
Albion Douglass,	55.42
Armand Parent,	55.42
Harry Libby,	36.75
John Frost,	68.89

Cheldon Dymont,	9.72	
Gerald Hutchinson,	28.00	
Glendon Hutchinson,	76.33	
Barney Smith,	8.75	
Berton Smith,	10.50	
Dana Eastman,	10.50	
Edwin Welch,	26.25	
Leslie Walker,	10.50	
Frank Patterson,	12.25	
Pink York,	24.50	
Fred Searles,	25.86	
Harland Tracy,	8.50	
Glenroy Gill,	26.83	
Warren Adams,	17.78	
Geo. Swan,	2.22	
Geo. Lavorgna,	12.83	
Marco Lavorgna,	11.47	
Fred Lamay,	13.22	
Pete Lamay,	13.22	
Fred Ford,	13.22	
Will Babb,	3.69	
Maurice Merrill,	3.50	
New England Culvert Co.,	154.94	
New England Culvert Co., fence,	46.86	
Mabra Packard, posts,	9.00	
C. H. Towle, paint, &c.,	10.20	
Carl Walo, base gravel,	45.80	
S. A. Hazelton, S. gravel,	44.40	
I. C. Kidder, explosives,	2.70	
Expended,		\$2,124.74
Appropriated by State,	\$1,905.29	
Unexpended, 1929,	70.36	
Available,		\$1,975.65
Overdrawn,		\$149.09

SNOW REMOVAL

Paid Leslie Gordon,	\$63.02
A. H. Hall & Son,	6.00
I. C. Kidder,	19.09
E. C. Knox,	12.25
E. H. Luce,	1.10

Fred Searles,	103.50	
C. E. Hines,	5.28	
Guy Sanborn,	5.25	
M. C. Kidder,	42.00	
A. L. Burgess,	6.30	
Kelsey Phinney,	5.25	
George Heffron,	16.94	
H. E. Knox,	19.08	
D. S. Bryant,	338.12	
M. B. Knox,	40.56	
C. A. Lane,	12.66	
Portland Tractor Co.,	90.06	
E. B. Knox,	17.00	
R. E. Chase,	2.94	
C. H. Towle,	1.80	
Alton York,	6.25	
Frank Searles,	155.58	
John Frost,	12.22	
D. C. Chenery,	3.50	
Clark Foundry,	1.00	
A. G. Walker,	2.10	
B. V. Robinson,	33.34	
Henry Hall,	2.45	
Roy Oldham,	13.67	
F. A. Smith,	102.55	
E. W. Sturtevant,	5.06	
W. B. Gillespie,	3.50	
W. W. Tainter,	23.00	
Lemuel Gill,	6.59	
Dominic Mazikis,	18.48	
Arthur McFee,	4.43	
Alex. McFee,	8.28	
Herman Farnham,	11.78	
Frank Norris,	11.78	
Ralph Farnham,	11.78	
Charles Frost,	2.10	
Charles Sedgebear,	5.42	
Glenroy Miller,	5.42	
Isaac Searles,	2.33	
W. J. Smith,	36.43	
Town of Dixfield,	65.00	
Expended,		\$1,362.24
Appropriated,	\$1,400.00	

Received from State,	576.35	
Amount,	<u>\$1,976.35</u>	
Overdrawn, 1929,	385.02	
Available,		<u>\$1,591.33</u>
Unexpended,		\$229.09

TOWN CEMETERIES ACCOUNT

Paid Benjamin Lovejoy,	\$14.00	
E. G. Child,	13.50	
Chas. A. Lane,	7.80	
M. B. Knox,	17.00	
J. C. Oldham,	3.50	
A. W. Knight,	4.00	
Expended,		<u>\$59.80</u>
Unexpended, 1929,		112.42
Unexpended,		<u>\$52.62</u>

TURNER CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Paid New England Culvert Co.,	\$22.54	
H. R. Robinson & Son,	9.80	
A. W. Knight,	4.00	
Expended,		<u>\$36.34</u>
Interest, 1930,	\$33.52	
Unexpended, 1929,	28.45	
Available		<u>\$61.97</u>
Unexpended,		\$25.63

CUSHMAN CEMETERY LOT

Paid E. G. Child,		\$1.00
Interest, 1930,	\$2.02	
Unexpended, 1929,	6.32	
Available,		<u>\$8.34</u>
Unexpended,		\$7.34

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LOVEJOY CEMETERY LOT

Paid E. G. Child,		\$1.00
Interest, 1930,	\$4.04	
Unexpended, 1929,	4.39	
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Available,		\$8.43
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Unexpended,		\$7.43

AUSTIN CEMETERY LOT

Paid Benjamin Lovejoy,		\$3.00
Interest, 1930,	\$4.04	
Unexpended, 1929,	11.77	
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Available,		\$15.81
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Unexpended,		\$12.81

MEMORIAL

Unexpended, 1929,	\$2.71	
Appropriated,	5.00	
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Available,		\$7.71

PERU FIRE ASSOCIATION

Paid Peru Fire Association,	\$235.00
Appropriated,	\$235.00

HEALTH NURSING

Paid State Treasurer,	\$50.00
Appropriated,	\$50.00

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST

Paid Edwin Smith,	\$ 77.33
Appropriated,	100.00
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Unexpended,	\$22.67

SUPPORT OF POOR

Paid Bertha Searles, board and care of	
Horace Clark,	\$222.12
Harry Marsh,	105.00

J. S. Sturtevant, M. D.,	77.00	
Rev. T. B. Hatt,	5.00	
C. H. Robinson,	6.00	
		\$415.12

Paid Selma Farrar, board and care of Etta Bowker,	\$274.60
Paid Selma Farrar, board and care of Stillman Bishop,	9.50
Paid Selma Farrar, lodging tramp,	1.00
Paid Lester Hall, lodging tramp,	1.00
Paid E. A. Farnum, supplies for C. W. Knox,	35.71

OUT OF TOWN POOR

Paid Town of Leeds, supplies for family of F. J. Wing,	\$340.13
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POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS

Paid Bertha Searles, board and care of Raleigh Corson,	\$147.00	
C. A. Lane, for rubbers,	2.75	
		\$149.75

Paid Nellie Saunders, board and care of Edison Batchelder,	\$6.00	
Bertha Searles, do.,	4.00	
Lona Knox, do.,	2.00	
C. A. Lane, clothing,	2.40	
		\$14.40

Paid Hazel Buck, care of Ethel Huhta,	\$10.50	
C. A. Lane, clothing,	6.82	
		\$17.32

Paid E. A. Farnum, supplies for Mrs. Jas. O. Palmer,	\$ 7.28	
Mary Richard, labor,	13.00	
Phyllis Campbell, labor,	7.00	
		\$27.28

Paid G. G. Defoe, M. D., medical treatment of Mrs. Seth Virgin,		\$7.00
Expended,		<u>\$1,293.41</u>
Appropriated,	\$1,200.00	
From HORACE CLARK'S EFFECTS,	253.36	
Available,		<u>\$1,453.36</u>
Unexpended,		\$59.95

MISCELLANEOUS

Paid Merrill & Webber, reports,	\$66.30
Loring, Short & Harmon,	39.90
H. R. Robinson, int. on loan,	75.00
G. B. Gordon, int. on note,	50.00
Jennie Child, int. on note,	50.00
Hedgehog bounty,	26.50
R. Falls Trust Co., int. on note,	189.69
Health officers' supplies,	4.00
Registering deeds,	20.25
Charging tractor battery,	1.00
C. Foundry, tractor repairs,	9.58
J. V. Wiken, tractor repairs,	2.10
D. S. Bryant, tractor repair, labor and material,	24.65
M. B. Knox, labor on tractor,	11.25
C. A. Lane, nails and stove pipe,	4.64
Jennie Child, booking inventory,	15.00
Howard Turner, check lists, paper, etc.,	28.08
E. Lufkin, blister rust account,	5.60
Excise tax books,	6.00
W. Virgin, labor on tractor,	4.00
A. Grudginsky, blacksmithing,	11.65
F. Searles, labor with tractor,	15.83
F. A. Smith, labor with tractor,	6.00
A. H. Hall & Son, gas and repairs,	77.70
Frank Searles, labor with tractor,	3.31
B. C. Putnam, rent, garage lot,	10.00
F. A. Lamb, repairing tractor,	1.25
M. C. R. R., rent, pipe under track,	1.00
State, Dept. children,	130.41
C. H. Towle, road tools,	50.68

E. H. Luce,	.32	
Portland Tractor Co.,	14.86	
E. C. Knox, tractor supplies,	4.15	
Dr. Howard, birth certif,	.25	
L. A. Hall, labor, forest fire,	3.00	
H. Packard,	6.40	
Dwight Bigelow,	6.40	
R. Kidder,	1.80	
K. Kidder,	1.60	
M. Kidder,	1.60	
Wm. Johnson,	6.80	
Fred Luce,	6.40	
E. G. Bassett,	7.60	
John Oldham,	2.00	
Roscoe Robinson,	7.60	
Girard Peltier,	6.80	
Jas. Tardiff,	6.80	
D. S. Bryant,	2.40	
A. G. Walker,	2.40	
Carroll Oldham,	2.40	
E. E. Oldham,	7.20	
C. S. Luce,	2.00	
Roy Oldham,	3.60	
E. B. Knox,	11.63	
Leon Luce,	4.00	
E. H. Luce,	1.51	
A. L. Harlow,	2.40	
Howard Child,	2.40	
Dr. Sturtevant, statistics,	2.00	
Clough & Pillsbury, tractor, rep,	3.00	
C. F. Davis, tractor rep,	3.12	
Morse Garage,	3.50	
Ashley Rafuse, grease,	10.00	
C. H. Robinson, use water tub,	5.00	
E. G. Child, postage,	2.64	
Jas. Irish, use water tub,	2.00	
Florece Shaw, use water tub,	2.50	
M. M. Farrar, use water tub,	2.00	
Gilbert Brackett, blister rust labor,	21.20	
A. S. Holman, int. on loan,	103.83	
Overdraft, 1929,	36.93	
Expended,		\$1,265.41

TOWN OF PERU

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Appropriated,	\$1,200.00	
Recd. Caliendo, use of tractor,	10.00	
Berst Forster, use of tractor,	20.00	
State, Road Com., use tractor,	40.63	
Jas. Kerr, use of tractor,	9.00	
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Available,		\$1,279.63
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Unexpended,		\$14.22

TOWN OFFIICERS

Paid E. G. Child, Moderator,	\$ 4.00	
Howard Turner, Clerk,	70.00	
E. G. Child, Selectman,	198.00	
E. B. Knox, Selectman,	208.00	
L. A. Hall, Selectman,	146.00	
W. S. Arnold, Collector,	31.91	
S. A. Hazelton, Collector,	313.80	
Howard Turner, Treas.,	110.00	
Mabelle Robinson, School Com.,	22.75	
Florence Packard, School Com.,	17.50	
Estella Wiken, School Com.,	12.50	
Leslie Gordon, Ballot Clerk,	4.00	
A. W. Knight, Ballot Clerk,	4.00	
H. R. Robinson, Ballot Clerk,	4.00	
Fred Luce, Ballot Clerk,	4.00	
Sylvester Searles, Health Of.,	25.90	
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Expended,		\$1,176.36
Appropriated,	\$1,200.00	
Overdrawn, 1929,	22.95	
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Available,		\$1,177.05
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Unexpended,		\$.69

DELINQUENT

1930 Walter Knight,	\$ 7.20	
Alphonso G. Walker,	20.00	
Ezra Staples,	16.80	
John Kazregis,	9.80	
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Amount,		\$53.80

ABATEMENTS

Loando Brann, paid in Mexico,	\$3.00	
Burchard Knox, illegal,	4.20	
Amount,		\$7.20

Financial Standing of Town

February 7, 1931

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$3,376.93	
Tax deeds on hand,	1,372.97	
Due from State, acct. Ethel Huhta,	17.32	
Due from Town, Mexico, acct. Palmer family,	27.28	
Due from Town Mexico, acct. Mrs. Seth Virgin,	7.00	
Due from Bert Ames, Pine Blister Rust Rust acct.,	16.00	
Due from E. Davenport, Pine Blister Rust acct.,	5.20	
Due from Ed. Lufkin, Pine Blister Rust acct.,	5.60	
Lot 9, Range 10, Thompson's Grant,	300.00	
Due from State, hedgehog bounty,	31.25	
Due from Town Bethel, acct. Corson,	230.10	
Due from Town Corinth, acct. Batchelder,	63.20	
Total resources,		\$5,452.85

LIABILITIES

Loan and int. Jennie Child,	\$1,050.00	
Loan and int. H. R. Robinson,	1,075.00	
Loan and int. G. B. Gordon,	1,050.00	
Loan and int. A. S. Holman,	2,575.59	
Liabilities,		\$5,750.59
Liabilities over resources,		\$297.74
Auto excise tax on hand,		\$621.34

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. CHILD,

E. B. KNOX,

L. A. HALL,

Selectmen of Peru.

Treasurer's Report

Dr.

To Due on tax bills, 1928,	\$	7.55
Due on tax bills, 1929,		51.20
Tax deeds on hand,		1,018.42
Cash on hand,		1,336.61
State pensions,		90.00
Interest on tax deeds,		26.24
Recording tax deeds,		20.25
State, hedgehog bounty,		39.75
A. S. Holman, loan,		2,000.00
Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan,		7,700.00
Tax Com. 1930,		24,461.07
P.F.P.A. rent pipe under R. R.,		1.00
Bank, Horace Clark savings acct.,		208.71
Use of tractor,		39.00
State, snow removal,		576.35
State, 3rd class cons,		1,977.48
State aid cons,		408.00
Improvement State roads,		731.32
Int. on cemetery funds,		43.62
State,		30.63
Pond school house and lot,		150.00
State. cons. on River rd.,		10.00
State, school fund,		2,314.21
State aid road maintenance,		58.80
State road maintenance,		60.71
Excise auto tax, bal. of 1930,		791.65
Equalization fund,		186.00
Adjustment fund,		186.00
Cash, from H. Clark effects,		19.65
Auto tax, 1931, on hand,		621.34
<i>Dog tax, —</i>		<u>145.00</u>

Receipts,

\$45,310.56

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By Paid orders,		\$38,845.02
Excise tax of 1930 in commitment,		991.17
Tax deeds on hand,		1,372.97
Due on tax bills of 1928,		7.55
Due on tax bills of 1929,		41.78
Due on tax bills of 1930,		53.80
Cash on hand,		<u>3,998.27</u>

Expenditures,

\$45,310.56

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD TURNER, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Record of Marriages, Births and Deaths returned to this office for the year ending February 1st, 1931.

MARRIAGES

1930.

May 17, at Dixfield, Chas. R. Eastman and Mildred F. Haines, both of Peru.

May 20, at Mechanic Falls, Lawrence H. Hopkins and Bessie M. Hosley, both of Peru.

June 28, at Berwick, Robert E. Chase and Marie Putnam, both of Peru.

Aug. 20, at Rumford, Ezra S. Hunt of Dixfield and Winifred L. Falkingham, both of Peru.

Sept 8., at Rumford, Anthony Norris and Sadie Simmanawski, both of Peru.

Sept. 21, at Rumford, Felix Godish and Iva M. Knox, both of Peru.

Oct. 1, at South Paris, Paul C. Emery and Beulah E. Cox, both of Peru.

Oct. 12, at Wilson's Mills, Stowell Eustis of Dixfield and Dorothy H. McGuire of Peru.

Nov. 12, at Bryant Pond, Peter P. Dragoon of Peru and Hilda V. Ring of Woodstock.

Nov. 22, at Dixfield, Lucius K. Lovejoy and Mary Forrest, both of Peru.

BIRTHS

1929.

June 7, at Rumford, to Ethel and Floyd D. Child, a daughter, Gloria Joyce.

Oct. 6, at Livermore, to Ruth E. and Waldo A. Porter, two daughters, Maxine Lucretia and Pauline Ida.

Oct. 14, to Helen T. and Walter L. Floyd, a daughter, Margaret Priscilla.

1930.

Apr. 21, to Shirley E. and William Austin, a daughter, Ruth Elaine.

May 25, to Alice G. V. and Lester L. Knox, a daughter, Bernice Ethelyn.

July 11, to Emily M. and Walter L. Knight, a daughter, Vivian Mae.

July 20, to Mary and Ira A. Gammon, a son, Clifford Louis.

Aug. 3, to Madeline G. and Herbert E. Knox, a daughter, Geneva Anna.

Sept. 17, to Inez M. and C. Sheldon Dymont, a son, Harl Stanley.

Sept. 27, to Cornelia E. and Leonard E. Riggs, a son, Russell William.

Sept. 27, to Viola M. and Ronello D. Putnam, a daughter, Dorothy Ann.

Oct. 22, to Evelyn C. and Ceylon Putnam, a son, Merwyn Abbott.

Dec. 27, to Eula E. and Rodney E. Haynes, a daughter, Priscilla Carolyn.

1931.

Jan. 11, to Martha A. and Chas. M. Easter, a daughter, stillborn.

DEATHS

1929.

Nov. 19, Elwin N. Woodman, aged 33 yrs., 3 mos., 18 days.

1930

Feb. 2, at Auburn, Amasa E. Carter, aged 81 yrs., 8 mos., 19 days.

Feb. 28, Chas. Emery Knox, aged 74 yrs., 5 mos., 25 days.

Apr. 5, Justina F. Dragoon, aged 54 yrs., 8 mos., 3 days.

May 7, at Wilton, Drusilla S. Frost, aged 65 yrs., 1 mo., 20 days.

June 5, at Togus, Hiram E. Stillman, aged 85 yrs., 2 mos., 3 days.

June 6, at Rumford, Gerald Tracy, aged 33 yrs., 10 mos., 4 days.

June 15, Arial I. Demerritt, aged 33 yrs. 3 mos.

June 20, George L. Gammon, aged 58 yrs.

June 28, Horace A. Clark, aged 71 yrs., 26 days.

July 12, Elmer Hammond, aged 68 yrs., 11 mos., 13 days.

July 24, Osborne O. Tracy, aged 76 yrs., 1 mo., 28 days.

July, 25, at Rumford, Isabel F. Leavitt, aged 70 yrs., 7 mos., 10 days.

Sept. 16, at Harpswell, Otis W. Burgess, aged 72 yrs., 5 mos., 9 days.

Oct. 12, Byron A. Evans, aged 64 yrs., 3 mos., 5 days.

Oct. 18, Ardella E. Tracy, aged 72 yrs., 2 mos., 18 days.

Oct. 30, at Leeds, Edwin F. Child, aged 87 yrs., 2 days.

Nov. 3, Abbie K. Irish, aged 86 yrs., 3 mos., 29 days.

Nov. 14, at Rumford, Richard Gill, aged 60 yrs., 4 mos., 26 days.

Dec. 3, Mary E. Andrews, aged 75 yrs., 10 mos.

1931.

Jan. 5, Sidney C. Coggin, aged 57 yrs., 5 mos., 26 days.

Jan. 11, Easter Infant, stillborn.

HOWARD TURNER, Town Clerk.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

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

I hereby submit my sixth annual report of your schools.

Teachers

School	Teacher	Home Address	Experience	Salary per Week
West Peru Prim.	Agnes York	West Peru, Me.	10 Terms	\$21.00
West Peru Gram.	Mabel Pendleton	Dixfield, Me.	28 Terms	21.00
Dickvale	Howard Hilton	Dennysville, Me.	34 Terms	25.00
Union	Esther Littlefield	Bryant Pond, Me.	1 Term	18.00
Peru Center	Marion Hilton	Dennysville, Me.	44 Terms	21.00
East Peru	Doris Harvey	Dixfield, Me.	19 Terms	20.00

Because of four resignations it was necessary to secure new teachers for Dickvale, Union, Peru Center and East Peru Schools. Three of them are teachers of considerable experience. The other teacher, Miss Littlefield, is teaching her first year but she has been well trained for the work as she is a graduate of Farmington Normal School. The West Peru teachers are the same as last year.

ENROLLMENT

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

School	S.P.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
W. Peru Prim.	12	9	8	11	9					49
W. Peru Gram.						5	6	4	4	19
Dickvale		6	2	2	4	3		8	1	26
Union		3	1	5	2	1	4	4	2	22
Peru Center	6	8		4		4			4	26
East Peru		4				1		1	3	9
Totals	18	30	11	22	15	14	10	17	14	151

ATTENDANCE

Following is the whole number in attendance and average attendance for each term of the year ending Dec. 31, 1930.

School	Winter Term		Spring Term		Fall Term	
	No. of Pupils	Av.	No. of Pupils	Av.	No. of Pupils	Av.
West Peru Prim.	38	35.5	40	36.6	49	43.74
West Peru Gram.	15	13.5	18	13.29	19	17.24
Dickvale	24	20.4	21	19.4	26	22.6
Union	16	15.78	19	17.63	22	20.56
Peru Center	22	20.06	25	21.09	26	24.2
East Peru	10	9.	11	9.44	9	6.64
Totals	125	114.24	134	117.45	151	134.98

The total enrollment for the town is 17 more than last year. Six pupils were not absent for the school year ending June 13, 1930. They are Donald Lane of West Peru Primary; Warren Knox and Violet Kazregis of the Union School; Barbara Kidder, Carlton Kidder and Rubina Vaughn of Peru Center.

For the fall term of fifteen weeks ending December 19, 1930, the following pupils were not absent: Verlie Austin, Lucille Dermody, Walter Dymont, Frances Garneau, John Garneau, Nancy Hall, Rachael Hall, Phyllis Haynes, Robert Haynes, Carolyn Knight, Donald Lane, Agnes Oldham, Ceylon Putnam, Phyllis Putnam, Geneva Russell, Uric Wiken and Leroy Woodman of West Peru Primary; Charles Chapman, Clarine Tibbetts, and Fremont Washburn of West Peru Grammar; Vivian Putnam of Dickvale; Roger Brown, John Kazregis

and Violet Kazregis and Anthony Mockus of the Union School; Harold Gill, Florence Robinson and Rubina Vaughn of Peru Center; Marshall Child, Christine Luce, Leon Luce, Pauline Luce and Merle Knox Jr. of East Peru.

Donald Lane of West Peru Primary, Violet Kazregis of the Union School and Rubina Vaughn of Peru Center have perfect attendance records for the past four terms. They did not miss a day for 51 weeks.

REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

The roof on the southern side of the East Peru schoolhouse was re-shingled. New blackboards were installed in the Union building. New door steps were built for the Union school. At the Knox school the roof was repaired to some extent but it will be necessary to do more next Summer if a school is continued in that district. The doors, windows and toilets of the Knox school were repaired also and some door steps built. As there was no furniture except two tables in this schoolhouse it was necessary to provide seats and desks for the pupils, a desk for the teacher, stove, water cooler and many smaller articles of equipment. All the equipment of the Union school was destroyed by the fire in December so there was nothing to transfer to the Knox. A few seats were required for some of the other schools because of increase in the enrollment of pupils. More of the appropriation was expended for equipment than for repairs.

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

For the school year which opened in September, 1930, the enrollment of high school tuition pupils was as follows:

Pupil	Home	High School
Gilbert Brackett	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Norman Child	" "	" " "
Dana Eastman	" "	" " "
Cleston Garneau	" "	" " "
May Goggin	" "	" " "
Rachel Goggin	" "	" " "
Charles Norris	" "	" " "
John Norris	" "	" " "
Eleanor Porter	Dickvale	" " "
Jennie Roott	"	" " "
Mary Searles	"	" " "
Ilda Kidder	Peru Center	Mexico High School
Rollins Kidder	" "	" " "

Joseph Arnold	West Peru	Stephens High School
Verna Arnold	" "	" " "
Elwin Cunningham	" "	" " "
Dorothy Heffron	" "	" " "
Bernice Norris	" "	" " "
Burton Smith	" "	" " "
Verner Wiken	" "	" " "
Ernest Donahue	Dickvale	" " "
Fannie Lovejoy	"	" " "
Stasie Mazeikis	Union District	" " "
Alvin Vaughn	Peru Center	" " "
Elaine Robinson	" "	Canton High School
Louise Sharko	" "	" " "
Ellis Walker	Worthley Pond	" " "

The high school tuition list contains 27 names. The town paid tuition for that number of pupils for the fall term. This winter there are 26 attending high school and that will be the approximate number for the remainder of the school year. Next June about 6 will be removed from the list by graduation, decreasing the number to 20, but the same will be increased to 30 or more by pupils who will be promoted to high school from the eighth grade.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF PUPILS

The annual physical examination of the pupils was made by Miss Ruth Woodward of the Public Health Nursing Service. Information concerning her work has been submitted to me by Miss Edith L. Soule, Division Director, of the State Department of Health.

The appropriation made at the last annual town meeting for State Department of Health for Public Health Nursing for Schools was \$50. This amount entitles the town to six days' service. To date Miss Woodward has rendered enough hours of service to equal four and one-half days. Before June, 1931, she will give one and one-half days more.

The examination of pupils furnishes the following items of interest:

Number of pupils examined,	138
Number of pupils with defects	116
Number of defects found	278
Number of corrections made	16

Some parents do not understand how the number of defects can exceed the number of children examined. It is because one child may have more than one defect. For example, one pupil might have defects of eyes, ears, teeth and

throat. If the nurse finds such a case she scores that child with four defects. The defects found this year are as follows:

Number of pupils underweight 10 %	21
Number of pupils with defect of vision	16
Number of pupils with defect of teeth	116
Number of pupils with defect of nasal passages	10
Number of pupils with defect of glands	54
Number of pupils with defect of throat	49
Number of pupils with defect of skin	9
Number of pupils pediculosis	3

The nurse plans to make many home visits before the end of the year for the purpose of follow up work. The outstanding defects to be corrected as you will note are dental, throat and glands. As a rule the defects of glands are caused by defects of teeth or defects of throat.

A larger appropriation is asked for the coming year in order to employ another nurse who will devote entire time to school work. There is as great a necessity for preventive work as for corrective.

BUDGET FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Your School Committee and Superintendent have considered the needs of the schools for the ensuing year and submit the following budget for the annual town meeting:

Common Schools,	\$3,200.00
High School Tuition,	2,500.00
Books and Supplies,	200.00
Repairs and Equipment,	600.00
Superintendence,	360.00
Interest on School Fund,	34.38
Office Expense,	35.00

\$6,929.38

The recommendation for common schools is \$1000 less than the amount raised last year because the unexpended balance is much larger than usual. The chief reason for the large amount on hand is discontinuance of transportation of pupils during the months when it was considered suitable for the children to walk to school. The sum asked for repairs and equipment is \$300 more in order to provide some new desks for the Dickvale School and repair the roof of the Knox. It will not be necessary to raise money for flags as the unexpended amount will meet the demands. The other items of the budget call for the same amounts raised last March. The

total amount of the recommendations is \$720 less than the budget of last year.

The financial statement of the schools is appended to this report. It was not necessary to overdraw any account except the one for repairs and equipment. After the destruction of the Union schoolhouse last December the Knox building was repaired and equipped. Consequently the expenditures of this account were more than anticipated at the last annual meeting. The total amount unexpended in the school department is \$1,178.63.

In closing I wish to thank all the citizens of Peru who have aided the schools in any way the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK McGOULDRICK

Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT COMMON SCHOOLS

Balance, 1929-30,	\$267.56	
Appropriation,	4,200.00	
Interest on School Fund,	34.38	
State School Fund,	2,150.00	
		-- \$6,651.94
Teachers' Salaries,	\$4,531.00	
Transportation,	357.00	
Fuel,	406.90	
Janitors,	247.20	
Tuition—Town of Sumner,	54.00	
		\$5,596.10
Unexpended,		\$1,055.84

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Balance, 1,929.30,	\$ 93.82	
Appropriation,	2,500.00	
		\$2,593.82
Paid Town of Rumford,	\$1,033.33	
Paid Town of Dixfield,	977.50	

Paid Town of Canton,	425.00	
Paid Town of Mexico,	48.36	
		<u>\$2,484.19</u>
Unexpended,		\$109.63

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Balance, 1929-30,	\$ 6.45	
Appropriation,	200.00	
State School Fund,	350.21	
		<u>\$556.66</u>
Expended,		553.76
Unexpended,		<u>\$2.90</u>

GENERAL REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

Balance, 1929-30,	\$ 33.48	
Appropriation,	300.00	
Equalization Fund from State,	186.00	
		<u>\$519.48</u>
Expended,		577.31
Overdrawn,		<u>\$57.83</u>

SPECIAL RPPAIRS

Balance, 1929-30,	\$60.19	
Expended,	16.74	
Unexpended,		<u>\$43.45</u>

SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation,	\$300.00	
Expended,	300.00	

OFFICE EXPENSE

Balance, 1929-30,	\$ 1.00	
Appropriation,	35.00	
		<u>\$36.00</u>

Expended,	34.03
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Unexpended,	\$1.97
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FLAGS

Balance, 1929-30,	\$10.59	
Appropriation,	20.00	
		\$30.59
Expended,		7.92
		\$22.67
Unexpended,		\$22.67

STATE OF MAINE

State School Fund,	\$2,500.21	
Equalization Fund,	186.00	
Total Amount received from State,		\$2,686.21
Transferred to Common School Account,	\$2,150.00	
Transferred to Books and Supplies,	350.21	
Transferred to Repairs and Equipment,	186.00	
		\$2,686.21

RECAPITULATION

Accounts	Receipts	Expendi- tures	Unexpend- ed	Over- drawn
Common Schools	\$6,651.94	\$5,596.10	\$1,055.84	\$ 57.83
High School tuition	2,593.82	2,484.19	109.63	
Books and Supplies	556.66	553.76	2.90	
General Repairs	519.48	577.31		57.83
Special Repairs	60.19	16.74	43.45	
Superintendance	360.00	360.00		
Office Expense	36.00	34.03	1.97	
Flags	30.59	7.92	22.67	
	\$10,808.68	\$9,630.05	\$1,236.46	\$ 57.83
		1,178.63		1,178.63
	\$10,808.68	\$10,808.68	\$1,236.46	\$1,236.46