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Experience of Legal Regulation and Organization of Transport Specialists Training at the
Imperial Moscow Engineering School: 1896–1913

Abstract

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Drawing on analysis of laws and regulations of the Russian Empire, as well as on documents from fond 231 ("Emperor Nicholas II Moscow Institute of Railway Engineering") of the Central State Archive of Moscow, the article investigates issues of legal regulation of student training at the Imperial Moscow Engineering School, legally established requirements for railway engineers' level of training, and organization of teaching in the said educational institution at the turn of 20th century. The peculiarity of legal documents (legalizations and local acts) studied here is that they present legally formalized requirements for structure and content of educational programs to be mastered by students at the Imperial Moscow Engineering School and for procedure for selecting teaching staff to provide training for railway engineers, as well as analytical materials of the Ministry of Railway Transport on issues related to the subject. The materials studied in this article give an idea of requirements for railway engineers' level of training, content and system of their training, as well as procedure for teaching staff selection. The historical and legal analysis of these sources and analytical materials allows us to conclude that the Imperial Moscow Engineering School graduates had a high level of education, which in some indicators equaled or exceeded that of the Emperor Alexander I St. Petersburg Institute of Railway Engineers graduates. It indicates that pedagogical activity of professors was premium, which subsequently permitted to initiate reorganization of the School of Railway Engineers into the Institute of Railway Engineers. The scientific results thus presented to the general public can serve as a starting point for further discussion on prospects, trends, and directions of the modern Russian transport education development.



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