Engineer Zdzisław Wojciechowski – A Veteran Organizer of the Stores Department of PKP (Polish State Railway)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the profile of Zdzisław Wojciechowski, a prominent engineer of PKP’s Stores Department, a specialist in the field of standards engineering, standardization and technical acceptance of materials for PKP. He is the author of precursory in the Polish technical literature, comprehensive, three-volume work entitled Materiałoznawstwo Kolejowe. The biography of engineer Wojciechowski, is in some ways typical of the complex fate of Polish technicians and engineers in the territory of the Russian annexation. This paper also presents his contribution in the reconstruction of railroading after 1945, in the development of Stores Department of PKP, and in the standards engineering of a part of the rolling stock. General historical issues related to the problems of technical acceptance of construction materials and their standardization and standards engineering in railroading and in the machine, arms and shipbuilding industry constitute the background for this article. Wojciechowski’s war fate and his independence and social activities have been also presented in this paper.

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