

BAŁABANOW (BAŁABANOFF) Michał (circa 1834-1910), accountant for the Herby-Kielce Railway.

In St. Petersburg, Bałabanow was a member of the Board which managed the *Droga Żelazna Herby-Częstochowa* (Herby-Częstochowa Railway), then later the Herby-Kielce Railway. In around 1904, he was moved to Częstochowa. There, he was chief accountant of the Herby-Częstochowa Railway. On behalf of the Board, he was also delegate to the board of the Herby-Kielce Railway. Later, he served as Finance and Commerce Director of that Railway.

As stated in his obituary in the "Goniec Częstochowski", Bałabanow was a man of "righteous character, with an exceptional mind, who was tactful in his dealings with people, displaying extraordinary diligence". He died on 18th November 1910 in Częstochowa and was buried in the Jewish Cemetery. (His grave has not survived.)

He was married to Betty Betli née Biegunów (1835-1922), with whom he had a son → Leon.

Droga Żelazna Warszawsko-Wiedeńska. 150 lat tradycji kolejnictwa w regionie częstochowskim, ed. M. Antoniewicz, Częstochowa - Katowice 1998, p. 64. – "Goniec Częstochowski" 1910, No. 141, pp. 2 (obituary), 3 (obituary), No. 142, p. 4 (obituary). - USC Częstochowa, Jewish record registers, death certificate No. 276/1922 (regarding his wife), p. 69.

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