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COURSE IN COMMERCE.

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1933.

SHORTHAND. (First Year.)

Thursday, May 18th-7 to 7.30 p.m.

Examiner—MISS M. A. MURPHY, F.C.T.S. Co-Examiner—J. F. Burke, Esq., D.Sc.

Enter your Examination Number in the space provided above.

On the Envelope supplied, enter your Examination Number, subject of examination and system of Shorthand used.

Write the following in correct Shorthand. Place your outlines underneath the printed words:—

The railways are part of the essential machinery

of our economic life. Everything affecting

them is a matter of public concern. The

difficulties in which they find themselves to-day
are mainly a heritage from the past. The
very lay-out of the whole system, which originally
was never designed to assist commerce, imposed
on it a grave disadvantage. Instead of being
linked up, the towns were avoided. Again
the charges were excessive, even up to a short
time ago, and were not based on a policy of
helping industrial effort at home; this is one

of the reasons why the present situation presses very heavily. The declining population which robbed the railroads each year of more passenger traffic and more carriage of goods, added to the slump when it came, and then the buses began to run uncontrolled and undirected. In that extremity the directors proposed a further cut in the pay of their workers. Such a policy could only be justified if the men's

remuneration was excessive, or if this were a temporary decline. But the railroads are a part of our lives, and what is needed is a permanent solution. If the buses and motor traffic were used to supplement and not to destroy the railroads, the present crisis might be surmounted.