MR. ALBERT H. E. WILKES, formerly assistant storage battery engineer with The Chloride Electrical Storage Co., Limited, of Manchester and London, England, has joined the staff of the Canadian General Electric Co., Limited, Toronto. He will take charge of their storage battery department.

MR. HARRY G. NICHOLLS, for many years assistant general manager of the Canadian General Electric Co., has

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MARKET CONDITIONS.

Toronto, July 15th, 1909.

Business in metals is quiet. There is no very disturbing news from abroad, and prices both there and here are steady. Hardware merchants are talking already about the mid-summer holiday dullness, which appears to have come prematurely on. We can hear of no alteration in prices. Hot weather goods and sporting goods are the only ones that can be said to be moving actively.

Bricks, lumber, lime, and other building materials are moving freely in Toronto, where the erection of dwellings goes on as if there were soon to be no old ones left tenanted. Cement is, however, an exception to the general activity, for there is but a limited movement and prices have reached a very low point.

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Antimony.—Demand inactive, market unchanged at \$9 per 100 lbs.

Axes.—Standard makes, double bitted, \$8 to \$10; single bitted, per dozen, \$7 to \$9.

Bar iron.—\$1.95 to \$2, base, per 100 lbs., from stock to wholesale dealer.

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Boiler Plates.—¼-inch and heavier, \$2.20. Boiler heads 25c. per 100
pounds advance on plate.

Boiler Tubes.—Orders continue active. Lap-welded, steel, 1¼-inch,
10.; 1¼-inch, 9c. per foot; 2-inch, \$8.50; 2¼-inch, \$10; 2½-inch, \$10.60;
3-inch, \$12.10; 3½-inch, \$15; 4-inch, \$18.50 to \$19 per 100 feet.

Building Paper.—Plain, 30c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. The spring
rush is over and business steady.

Bricks.—Business is very active, price at some yards \$9 to \$9.50, at
others, \$9.50 to \$10, for common. Don Valley pressed brick move also
freely. Red and buff pressed are worth \$18 delivered and \$17 at works per

Broken Stone.—Lime stone, good hard, for roadways or concrete, f.o.b., Schaw station, C.P.R., 70c. per ton of 2,000 lbs., 1-inch, 2-inch, or larger, price all the same. Broken granite is selling at \$3 per ton for good

Gement.—Cement is being offered at the low price of \$1.55 per barrel in car lots, including cotton bags, which is an indication of the state of the wholesale market, a price heretofore unheard of. The over-supply continues. Smaller dealers report a fair movement in small lots at \$1.40 to \$1.50 per barrel in load lots delivered in town, bags extra. In packages, \$1.40 to \$1.50, including paper bags.

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Coal.—Retail price for Pennsylvania hard, \$6.50, steady. This price applies to grate, egg, stove, and chestnut; only pea coal is cheaper, namely, \$5.50. These are all cash, and the quantity purchased does not affect the price. Soft coal is in good supply, American brokers have been covering the ground very fully. In the United States there is an open market for bituminous coal and a great number of qualities exist. We quote. Youghiogheny lump coal on cars here, \$3.70 to \$3.80; mine run, \$5.60 to \$3.75; slack, \$2.65 to \$2.85; lump coal from other districts, \$3.40 to \$5.70; mine run 10c. less; slack, \$2.50 to \$2.70; cannel coal plentiful at \$7.50 per ton; coke, Solvey foundry, which is largely used here, quotes at from \$5.25 to \$5.50; Reynoldsville, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Connellsville, 72-hour coke, \$5.50 to \$5.50.

Copper Ingot.—Unchanged and quiet at \$13.85 to \$14.05 per 100 lbs. nand abroad not commensurate with real values at present prices. Demand abroad

Detonator Caps .- 75c. to \$1 per 100; case lots, 75c. per 100; brokes

Dynamite, per pound, 21 to 25c., as to quantity.

Roofing Felt.—Unseasonably quiet, price maintained at \$1.80 per 100 lbs.

Fire Bricks.—English and Scotch, \$30 to \$35; American, \$27.50 to \$35

per 1,000. The demand is steady and stocks light.

Fuses.—Electric Blasting.—Double strength 4 feet, \$4.50; 6 feet, \$5;

8 feet, \$5.50; 10 feet, \$6. Single strength, 4 feet, \$3.50; 6 feet, \$4; 8 feet,

\$4.50; 10 feet, \$5, per 100 count. Bennett's double tape fuse, \$6 per 1,000 feet.

Galvanized Sheets.—Apollo Brand.—Sheets 6 or 8 feet long, 30 or 36 inches wide; 10-gauge, \$3.05; 12-14-gauge, \$3.15; 16, 18, 20, \$3.35; 22-24, \$3.50; 26, \$3.75; 28, \$4.20; 29, \$4.50; 10¾, \$4.50 per 100 lbs. Fleur de Lis—28-gauge, \$4.30; 26-gauge, \$4.05; 22-24-gauge, \$3.50. Queen's Head—28-gauge, \$4.50; 26-gauge, \$4.25, per 100 lbs. Sheets continue in active request.

Iron Chain.—¼-inch, \$5.75; 5-16-inch, \$5.15; ¾-inch, \$4.15; 7-16-inch, \$3.95; ¼-inch, \$3.75; g-16-inch, \$3.70; ¾-inch, \$3.55; ¾-inch, \$3.45; ¾-inch, \$3.40; 1-inch, \$3.40, per 100 lbs.

Fron Pipe.—Black, ¼-inch, \$2.03; ¼-inch, \$2.26; ¾-inch, \$2.63; ¾-inch, \$3.16; 1-inch, \$4.54; 1¼-inch, \$6.19; 1¼-inch, \$7.43; 2-inch, \$9.90; 2¼-inch, \$15.81; 3-inch, \$20.76; 3¾-inch, \$26.13; 4-inch, \$20.70; 4½-inch, \$38; 5-inch, \$43.50; 6-inch, \$56. Galvanized, ¼-inch, \$2.86; ¾-inch, \$3.08; ¾-inch, \$3.48; ¾-inch, \$4.31; 1-inch, \$6.19; 1¼-inch, \$8.44; 1½-inch, \$10.13; 2-inch, \$13.50, per 100 feet. Some talk of an advance in price.

Lead.—Prices steady outside. This market is rather weaker, at \$3.75 to \$3.85 per 100 lbs.

Lime.—Retail price in city 35c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b., car; in large lots at s outside city 22c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car. In active demand.

Lumber .- Considerable demand for both Southern and Canadian dimension Lumber.—Considerable demand for both Southern and Canadian dimension pine continues; hemlock dull. Prices are rather stiff all along the line. Dressing pine quotes \$32 to \$35 per M; common stock boards, \$26 to \$36; cull stocks, \$20; cull sidings, \$17.50; Southern pine dimension timber from \$30 to \$45, according to size and grade; finished Southern pine according to thickness and width, \$30 to \$40. Hemlock in car lots, \$16.50 to \$17; spruce flooring in car lots, \$12; shingles, British Columbia, \$3.20; lath, No. 1, \$4.25; No. 2, \$3.75; for white pine, 48-inch; for 32-inch, \$1.60, and very few to be had.

Nails.—Wire, \$2.25 base; cut, \$2.70; spikes, \$3, per keg of 100 lbs.

Pitch and Tar.—Pitch, demand moderate, price so far unchanged at
70c. per 100 lbs. Coal tar quotes \$3.50 per barrel.

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Aluminum Brass Copper Lead Tinned Zinc

At lowest prices for prompt deliveries.

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Pig Iron.—There is fair activity and prices are maintained. Clarence quotes at \$20.50 for No. 3; Cleveland, \$20.50 to \$21; in Canadian pig, Hamilton quotes \$19.50 to \$20 per ton.

Plaster of Paris.—Calcined, New Brunswick, hammer brand, wholesale, \$2; retail, \$2.15 per barrel of 300 lbs.

Putty.—In bladders, strictly pure, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; in barrel lots, \$2.05.

Ready Roofing.—In moderate request at prices per catalogue. It is impracticable to quote figures, so great is the variety of this kind of goods, but prices are steady.

Roofing Slate.—Most of the slate used in Canada comes now from Pennsylvania or Maine, the Canadian supply being slender and mostly from the Rockland quarries of the Eastern Townships in Quebec. There is a great variety of sizes and qualities, so that it is difficult to indicate prices. But No. 1 Pennsylvania slate 10 x 16 may be quoted at \$7.25 per square of 100 square feet, f.o.b., cars, Toronto; seconds, 50c. less.

Rope.—Sisal, 9½c. per lb.; pure Manila, 12½c. per lb., Base.

Sewer Pipe.—

12-in. 24-in. Io-in. 4-in. 6-in. ... \$0.20 \$0.30 \$0.75 Straight pipe per foot Single junction, 1 or 2 ft. long Double junctions \$0.65 \$1.00 14.65 3.40 .90 1.50 1.35 2.50 5.00 Double Junctions ...
Increasers and reducers ...
P. traps 2.00
H. H. traps 2.50 2.50 7.50 3.50 15.00 4.00

Not much moving; price, 73 per cent. off list at factory lots; 65 per cent. off list retail. Small lots subject to advance.

Steel Beams and Channels.—Quiet. We quote:—\$2.50 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs., according to size and quantity; if cut. \$2.75 to \$3 per 100 lbs.; angles, 1½ by 3-16 and larger, \$2.50; tees, \$2.80 to \$3 per 100 pounds. Extra for smaller sizes of angles and tees.

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Steel Rails.—80-lb., \$35 to \$38 per ton. The following are prices per gross ton, for 500 tons or over: Montreal, 12-lb. \$45, 16-lb. \$44, 25 and 30-lb. \$43.

Sheet Steel.—Market steady, at the former prices; 10-gauge, \$2.50; 12-gauge, \$2.55; American Bessemer, 14-gauge, \$2.35; 17, 18, and 20-gauge, \$2.45; 22 and 24-gauge, \$2.50; 26-gauge, \$2.65; 28-gauge, \$2.85. Quite a quantity of light sheets moving.

Tank Plate.—3-16-inch, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.

Tool Steel.—Jowett's special pink label, 10½c. Cammel-Laird, 16c.

"H.R.D." high speed tool steel, 65c.

Tin.—Prices steady and demand good. The price continues at 31c. to 31½c.

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Wheelbarrows.—Navvy, steel wheel, Jewel pattern, knocked down, \$21.60
per dozen; set up, \$22.60. Pan Canadian, navvy, steel tray, steel wheel,
per dozen, \$3.30 each; Pan American, steel tray, steel wheel, \$4.25 each.

Zinc Spelter.—A very active movement continues, and the market is firm at \$5.50 to \$5.75.

* * * * Montreal, July 14th, 1909.

In certain sections of the United States, pig-iron has advanced slightly in price. A message from Chicago, dated Monday, announces that prices have been advanced soc. per ton, putting northern grade on a basis of \$17 and No. 2 foundry and southern at \$12.50. Both from Chicago and other portions of the country come predictions of further advances in the near future. The most hopeful sign of the times is the increased demand from railways, for rails and cars and other supplies of like nature. This is bound to shortly be felt right along the line, and, if continued, as is at present the promise, there is every likelihood of something in the nature of a boom taking place in the iron industry. The recent troubles and uncertainty, as respects the iron and steel duties in the United States, will soon have passed away and the promise of a good crop and remunerative employment to the rolling stock will have a good effect upon the trade of the entire country.

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In Great Britain, the sound of woe still arises, but there is evidence that the people, having glutted themselves with pessimism, will shortly turn to and get busy at their industrial pursuits, once more. Meantime, there is but little export demand for iron, and the home demand is not sufficient to cause the business to look prosperous.

Canada continues in good shape. The outlook for the fall trade is excellent. Practically all the reports from the wheat fields of the West are such as are welcomed and, although the crop has still a few critical stages to go through, every day improves the chances in its favor. Alarge crop will go a very considerable distance towards restoring trade is iron and steel. The strike is still on in Glace Bay, but there are evidences of growing strength on the part of the company. Prices in the following list are holding fairly steady:—

Antimony.—The market is steady at 834 to 9c.

Bar Iron and Steel.—Prices are steady and trade is quiet. Bar iron, \$1.85 per 100 pounds; best refined horseshoe, \$2.10; forged iron, \$1.81 per 100 pounds; best refined horseshoe, \$2.10; forged iron, \$1.81 per 100 pounds; best refined horseshoe, \$2.10; forged iron, \$1.81 per 100 per 10

4-inch, 19c.

Building Paper.—Tar paper, 7, 10, or 16 ounces, \$1.80 per 100 pounds; felt paper, \$2.75 per 100 pounds; tar sheathing, 40c. per roll of 400 square feet; dry sheathing, No. 1, 30 to 40c. per roll of 400 square feet; tarred fibre, 55c. per roll; dry fibre, 45c. (See Roofing; also Tar and Pitch).

Cement.—Canadian cement is quotable, as follows, in car lots, £0.54