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Employed August 15, 1922 in the Development and Research Division to head up development in the automotive industry. This industry presented a fertile field for uses of nickel in steels, alloys and nickel plating and extensive experimental work was carried on at Bayonne to develop the necessary information.

The possibilities of nickel in cast iron were carefully investigated at Bayonne and the results summarized in the Wickenden-Vanick paper, "Nickel and Nickel-Chromium in Cast Iron" presented before the American Foundrymen's Association in Syracuse, October 5-9, 1925. This work also resulted in a number of patents assigned to the Company, among which might be mentioned those on Ni-Hard Cast Iron in the name of Merica-Vanick-Wickenden, and "F" Nickel Shot in the name Merica-Wickenden.

Many of the early data sheets on cast iron and steel were compiled by Mr. Wickenden and numerous papers were delivered before the Society of Automotive Engineers, the American Society for Metals, as well as other technical organizations.

In 1929 Mr. Wickenden saw the need of closer contact with industry and recommended the establishment of our Technical Field Sections of which the first one was established in Detroit that year.

In 1931 Mr. Wickenden was appointed Assistant Manager of the Development and Research Division and in 1943 he became Manager of the Division. In December, 1947, he was elected Vice President of The International Nickel Company, Inc.