

Nobody ever saw harvesters in a snow storm before, and of course they're not cutting wheat. On the frozen swamps fringing lake Manitoba, about ^{50 miles} ~~200 miles~~ from Winnipeg, Canadians gathered the marsh reeds, nowadays quite an ~~important~~ industry. The reeds used to be thought of no value, today Canada knows better.

2 (BV) Taken to nearby Portage La Prairie the bundles are fed into a cutter and binder, which every day turns out 3,000 ~~minimum~~ large panels for building use. It's enormously strong, forms a good base for plaster and stucco and keeps out the cold ^{or heat — witness to blow lamp-test —} as well as a brick wall 2-feet thick. ~~Also it's completely fire proof.~~ ^{to case they still} As if ~~the blow lamp~~ didn't prove that they tried a petrol fire. Inside the box the thermometer showed ~~normal~~ ^{normal} heat after the ~~fire~~ ^{blaze}.

30 Builders in this part of Canada having proved how good the reed is, ~~new~~ factories are planned, to revolutionise building in parts where bricks are scarce

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