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THE BIG BLAST

At a Keithley Quarry they are getting ready for the big blast. That means taking in many cans of high explosives. The site of the explosion and the area to be cleared are carefully charted. It might not be the biggest blast on record but at least it's on record. As a matter of fact it's going to be a very big bang, needing seven and a half tons of amonol, and that's a lot of explosive. And there she goes. That blast has shifted as much as one hundred and ten thousand tons of good limestone that's used in the production of steel, leather, paper, textiles and roads, in fact we couldn't live without lime in one form or another. The latest use for limestone is in the making of raincoats. Canadian industrial experts have found means of transforming it into a resin, which is treated and applied to a cotton fabric. It's the material for raincoats that will stand the heaviest weather in any part of the world.