buyer's dollar for brake lining, insulation, roofing or any other asbestos product.

The asbestos miner, too, might well look to holding his present share of that dollar which is threatened by glass, leather, rock products and other supplantive materials everlastingly trying to get a larger share.

We wonder, sometimes, whether the asbestos crowd will have a stable left, let alone the horse, when these competing industries get thru.

BOMBPROOF ASBESTOS BOARD

By Geoffrey Blackall

A British firm has evolved a building material incorporating asbestos which, it is claimed, is fireproof, dampproof and bombproof. It is now undergoing secret tests at the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, England. The Home Office (England) and several other State departments are watching these tests.

The material consists of a mixture of asbestos cement reinforced with plywood, and it can be made into panels of varying thicknesses. It has been tried out experimentally in a number of buildings in Europe and in several ocean liners. Acid has no effect on it, according to the manufacturers.

Bomb tests show that despite a shower of molten metal following the detonation, a panel of this material remained undamaged and was unaffected either by heat or impact. Fire tests have also been made with complete success.

The results of the National Physical Laboratory tests are awaited with interest, as after these are announced a complete technical description of the new product will be made public.

You can't get away from it; success must support the Government if the Government is to support failure.

—The Shaft.

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