Wisconsin’s First and Only PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY

The Manitowoc Portland Cement Company at Manitowoc was the first cement plant in Wisconsin and is still the only one in spite of the fact that Wisconsin is one of the largest users of portland cement.

A unique feature of this plant is the method of handling the raw material, clay. This is pumped through a pipe line from a clay pit one mile away. For this method, the clay must first be mixed with water. Then powerful pumps force it the entire distance to the plant. Here it is combined with limestone and gypsum shipped in on large lake freighters from Michigan. To allow these ships to reach the unloading docks, the Manitowoc River had to be dredged out to a depth of 21 feet, from the plant to Lake Michigan. Storage space at the docks provides space for sufficient limestone, coal and gypsum to run the plant during that period of the year when lake shipping is interrupted by winter weather.

In addition to gray portland cement, the Manitowoc Portland Cement Co. also sells white portland cement, waterproofed white and waterproofed gray portland cement, cement paint, floor coating, high early strength portland cement, mortar cement, waterproofed masonry cement and waterproofing paste and powder.

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The entire mill was equipped with the most modern machinery available and the quality of the product manufactured is unexcelled.