

Saskatchewan

I am not from Saskatchewan, but really I could be—I am from Alberta. But the border between the two provinces is specious at best.

The eastern political and economic interests created that border to stop any one Western Province from becoming too large—to compete with Ontario and Quebec for political dominance of the nation.

Anyway, as I said, there is no “border” between Alberta and Saskatchewan. The land is very similar east of the Rockies.

In both provinces we saw millions of Europeans, Canadians, and Americans start homesteads in this great open land. But within one generation, the same people who came here saying to their children, “Get off the farm; there’s nothing for you here.”

I don’t think that there has been anything like this in the history of the world: a whole way of life and a whole new world birthing and dying in one generation! And now the relics of that generation like the grain elevators and homesteads are disappearing into the sod.

Ps...the wind on the Western Canadian Plains is like a living, warm thing in the summer months. It is no wonder that it spoke to so many people like W.O Mitchell who described it best in his classic *Who Has Seen the Wind*.