

The Last Saskatchewan Pirate

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I used to be a farmer and I made a living fine I had a little stretch of land along the C.P. line But times were hard and though I tried, the money wasn't there And bankers came and took my land and told me fair was fair I looked for any kind of job, the answer always no "Hire you now?" they'd always laugh "We just let 20 go" The government, they promised me a measly little sum But I've got too much pride to end up just another bum Then I thought, who gives damn if the jobs are all gone? I'm going to be a pirate on the river Saskatchewan!

Chorus: *And it's a heave ho, high ho, coming down the plains Stealing wheat and barley and all the other grains And it's a ho hey, high hey, farmers bar your doors When you see the Jolly Roger on Regina's mighty shores*

You'd think the local farmers would know that I'm at large But just the other day I saw an unprotected barge I snuck up right behind them and they were none the wiser I rammed their ship and sank it and I stole their fertilizer A bridge outside of Moose Jaw spans a mighty river Farmers cross in so much fear their stomachs are a-quiver 'Cause they know that Tractor Jack is waiting in the bay I'll jump the bridge and knock them cold and sail off with their hay

[Chorus]

Well, Mountie Bob he chased me he was always at my throat He'd follow on the shoreline cause he didn't own a boat But cutbacks were a-coming and the Mountie lost his job And now he's sailing with us and we call him Salty Bob A swinging sword, a skull and bones, and pleasant company I never pay my income tax and screw the GST Prince Albert down to Saskatoon, the terror of the sea If you want to reach the co-op, boy, you gotta get by me

[Chorus]

Well, pirate life's appealing, but you just don't find it here I heard that in Alberta there's a band of buccaneers They roam the Athabasca, from Smith to Fort Mackay And you're bound to lose your Stetson if you have to pass their way. Well winter is a-coming and a chill is in the breeze My pirate days are over once the river starts to freeze I'll be back in springtime but now I have to go I hear there's lots of plundering down in New Mexico

[Chorus]

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