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as being most applicable. The physiography of the two areas of course was not included in the comparison. It is, in the main, a land of barbs, spines and bayoneted shrubs with grasses occupying the open spaces. The mesquite in particular lends a most fascinating touch to the landscape. This tree dominates and when mixed with other thorny shrubs as an undergrowth form a chapparal that is almost ^{an} impenetrable mass. The mesquite is an excellent hardwood but unfortunately nature produced an irregular manner of growth that bars its usefulness for commercial purposes. This may explain why so much of it remains in what appears to be a virgin condition. If you place yourself among the black willow trees at the mouth of Provo River you will be in a position to appreciate the life form of the mesquite lands.

Diversified farming is still followed, producing fields of grains + grasses, pasturelands and truck farming. The fertility of the soils is indicated in the eagerness in which it responds to the application of H₂O. Water is not plentiful but can be found only a short distance below the ground surface. A familiar sight is the wind mill and is placed in practically every yard.

The sand storms one so frequently hears about are extremely local in extent, coming from