



BATTLE OF BATOCHÉ.

May 12th 1885.

SCALE 20 CHAINS = 1 INCH.

From a sketch made by J. Burrows and Denny, of the Surveyors' Intelligence Co.

Explanations

- 1. Enemy's Rifle Pits
- 2. Our do do
- 3. M^r. Midland's Ball.
- 4. Grenadiers
- 5. 90th Ball.
- 6. Surveyors' Scouts
- 7. Boulton's Scouts

LOUIS RIEL

Born in St. Boniface in 1844, the French-speaking Métis boy was sent to Montreal to be educated and subsequently became an apprentice to a Quebec based lawyer. Shortly after, Louis left the city to return to the Red River settlement and his destiny. After the Hudson's Bay Company surrendered Rupert's Land to the Government of Canada, the Métis were left without representation. Louis Riel stepped in and co-founded the Provisional Government of Red River, which was used as a guiding body to usher the west into the Dominion peacefully and to assure that the concerns of the Métis were heard. Through his leadership, the province of Manitoba was founded. In 1884, answering a desperate call sent out from his people, Riel returned to Canada and, once again, demanded equal treatment for the Métis. His plea was answered with a military response and the Northwest Resistance ensued.

Métis Nation
of Ontario 

Riel surrendered on May 15, 1885 and was condemned to death and hung for High Treason by the very country he helped to build. Every year on November 16th, the anniversary of the death of their most honoured leader, Métis people from across the homeland band together to remember the man, his cause and his legacy.