
CHAPTER XIII

A FIERY SCOTTISH METIS

BY the strange irony of fate the leaders of the opposing Scottish factions on the Red River were both removed by force and left the field of action open. Miles Macdonell, as a prisoner at large, was sent east to Canada ; while, in return when the colony was restored, Duncan Cameron was sent as an exile to York Factory on Hudson Bay.

Colin Robertson seems to have been the only survivor of the first actors in the drama.

He brought back the scattered remnant from Jack River, and they were followed by the colonists of 1815—one hundred in number. The settlement now began under new auspices, but every one knows that, since it was a Scottish quarrel, the end was not to be yet. It is not without appropriateness that the Scottish motto, "Nemo me impune lacessit" ("No one hurts me with impunity"), has become descriptive of Scottish life and Scottish temper. The new party of immigrants were of the same stock as their predecessors. In the list of their families occur the names Sutherland, Polson, Matheson, Murray,

