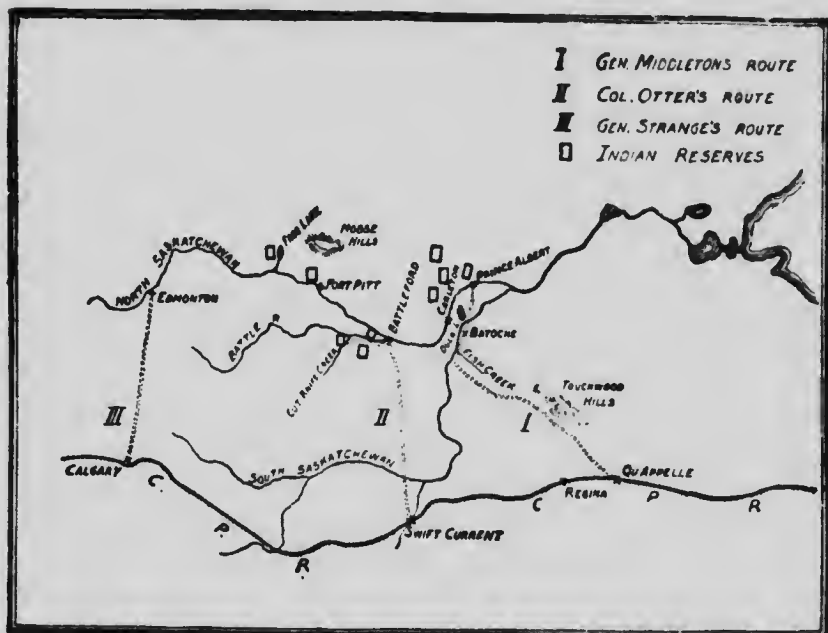


the ardor and endurance of veterans. A detachment under General Strange was sent by way of Calgary to Edmonton to fight Big Bear, while another under Colonel Otter marched northward to relieve Battleford. The half-breeds under Dumont fought bravely and well at Fish Creek and at Batoche, but were beaten by Middleton. Otter relieved Battleford, but was defeated by Poundmaker at Cut Knife Creek, although the Indian chief called back his braves when he found that his



wigwams were safe. General Strange relieved Edmonton, and one of his officers, Major Steele, rescued Big Bear's prisoners, and drove him and his band northward.

Riel was captured, but Dumont escaped. The Indian chiefs either surrendered or were taken prisoners, and by midsummer the rebellion, like one of the sudden storms of the north-west, was over and the country was at peace again. Riel, this time, suffered the penalty of his crimes, and eight of the leading rebels among the Indians were put to death.