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They had enjoyed a monopoly of the transportation business on the western prairies; and of this the railway threatened to rob them. The buffalo, on which they had relied for a livelihood, had disappeared, and their farms had become their chief source of livelihood. In the autumn of 1885, Riel and some of the other leaders of the rebellion were tried at Regina on charges of high treason, and were found guilty. Riel was hanged in the Police Barracks at Regina in November, 1885, though there were many who believed that he should properly have been confined instead to a lunatic asylum. To many Canadians, the North-West Rebellion of 1885 is a dramatic, isolated incident, the story of Riel, the doomed hero. Prairie Fire tells the larger story: of Metis who wanted the boundaries of their farms respected by Ottawa; of Natives whose land had been sold by the government, and starved as the government broke its promises; of frightened settlers caught between...