

"The Michael Head named in the text was made a Justice of the Peace, yet he, no doubt, loved a fight for its own sake. If not much belied, he used to ride boldly into the riots and in a stentorian voice command "the peace in the King's name;" and then in lower but equally emphatic tones he would say in Irish. 'Give it to them, the Sassenach devils, give it to them.' Whoever went to jail, the Irish usually had the best of the fight."

I have not been able to ascertain when Dr. Head left Amherst. In 1776 he was at Windsor. In a diary kept by George Deschamps, in an interleaved almanack there is an account of the illness and death of one of his children, evidently from meningitis, and Dr. Head is mentioned as the attending physician.

Many entries in this diary show that the Doctor was a social favorite and that he was on terms of the closest intimacy with the prominent men who lived in Windsor at this period. A number of these gentlemen either had formerly lived in Cumberland, or owned large tracts of land there. This circumstance probably explains the Doctor's removal to Windsor.

In 1781, Hants county was formed, and Doctor Head was appointed a Justice of the Peace, and a Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas. At about 1792, he removed to Halifax, where he engaged in general practice, and still continued to act in a judicial capacity. For many years he was Surgeon to the First Battalion of Halifax Militia. He resided in Halifax, on Barrington Street, opposite St. Paul's Church. He died in 1805.

One of his daughters married the Rev. Archibald Gray, D. D., of St. Matthew's Church. One of his sons was a Captain in H. M. Navy.

### **Samuel Head.**

Was a son of Michael Head, and one of the most prominent physicians of Halifax in the early decades of the 19th century. He was probably the first native born physician in Nova Scotia. The following is taken from his tombstone in St. Paul's cemetery:—

"Sacred to the memory of  
SAMUEL HEAD, M. D.,  
who died November, 1833,  
aged 64 years.