

Ample provision was made for the wants of the Indian, and Dr. Ellis was appointed to give him the necessary medical attendance until he should recover.

Dr. Micheal Head.

In St. Paul's cemetery, in this city, there is a tombstone with the following inscription :—

“To the memory of

MICHAEL HEAD, ESQ.,

who died June 18th, 1805, aged 66 years.

For upwards of 40 years in this province.”

Michael Head appears to have first settled near Fort Cumberland, where a British garrison was maintained. In 1759 this garrison consisted of Irish volunteers, many of whom afterwards took up their permanent abode in that vicinity. Later, many of the Irish immigrants who were brought out by Alexander McNutt, settled at Fort Cumberland and in the contiguous townships of Amherst and Sackville.

In the year 1765, Michael Head applied for and was granted 1,000 acres of land at Amherst. At about the same time he was appointed a Justice of the Peace. The following is related on the authority of the late P. S. Hamilton, who wrote an excellent history of the County of Cumberland :—

“An Irishman would scarcely take it as a compliment to be declared wanting in the usually attributed national belligerence. During the early days of Cumberland and Amherst, as in other places where the Irish element largely prevailed in the population, Truro, for instance, there used, on occasion of public gatherings, to be frequent riots between the Irish and those who were not Irish. These were regular faction “shindies” in the traditional Donnybrook style, and they prevailed down to a time long subsequent to the American Revolutionary War, when there might have been attributed to them something of a political character.”