very of any assessment authorized under the Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to " make better provision for Elementary Instruction in Lower

- 5 "Canada," which said amount when so levied, shall be applied by the said School Commissioners to the payment of the said costs, and of the expenses of the said assessment, or to the reimbursement of the said securities. in case they shall have paid the said costs; Provided Proviso.
- 10 always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the Defendants in such action, if judgment shall be given against the said School Commissioners, from recovering the said costs from the said securities, jointly and severally.
- VII. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained The Defend-15 shall prevent the heirs of the said Ambroise de la Che-ants may plead vrotière from pleading any matter whatsoever either in the action. fact or in law to such action, which they might have pleaded had this Act not been passed, except and provided Exception.
- 20 however, that it shall not be lawful for the said Defendants to plead the incompetence of the said School Commissioners to institute and maintain such action or do anything which by a fair and liberal construction of this Act, according to its intent and spirit, they are authorized to do.
- VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Pub-Public Act. 25 lic Act.