

## CHARTER.

## ASSURANCES.

VINGT-SEPTIÈME ETAT ANNUEL  
DE —  
**L'ASSOCIATION D'ASSURANCES**  
DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS,  
Pour l'année expirée le 31 décembre 1896

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
Parish of Orleans, City of New Orleans.

It is known that on the seventh day of May, A.D. 1897, in the City of New Orleans, there were eight hundred and ninety-four and one-half of the independent States of America, the one hundred and eighth.

Before James Joseph Woulfe, a notary public in the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witness hereinafter named and undersigned.

That several persons whose names are hereunto annexed, all above the age of majority and residents of this City, have severally declared that availing themselves of the right given by an Act of the Legislature of the State, known as Act No. Thirty-six of the Session of eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, as well as those of the general law of the same date, they have formed a Corporation for the objects and purposes, and to do for themselves into, and constitute a Corporation for the objects and purposes, and under the stipulations so agreed upon, hereinafter to be adopted, which they hereby adopt as their Charter, to wit:

## ARTICLE FIRST.

That the name and title of the Corporation hereby formed is declared to be "Handsome Bartelot Co., Limited," and that it shall be incorporated in the City of New Orleans, and it shall have and enjoy succession by its corporate name for a period of fifty-nine years from and after the date hereof. All claims or other rights, if any, which may accrue to the Corporation in case of his absence or inability to act from any cause, shall be reserved to the Vice-President and Secretary or General Manager.

## ARTICLE SECOND.

That the objects and purposes for which this Corporation is established, and the nature of the business to be carried on by it, are hereby declared to be buying, selling, or dealing in Cigars and Tobacco, in both solid and liquid form, for its own real or personal, that may be necessary to its business.

## ARTICLE THIRD.

That the Capital Stock of this Corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), divided into or represented by Five hundred shares of stock, each share having a par value of One hundred dollars (\$100) each, to be paid for at such time, and in such amounts and such manner as the Board of Directors may require, and for such stock as may be received or paid for on such stock as may be expressed or otherwise rendered to it.

This Corporation shall commence business as soon as four thousand dollars of stock has been paid up, and no stock will be received or otherwise rendered to it, except as expressed in the books of the Corporation by the owner or his duly authorized agents.

## ARTICLE FOURTH.

That this Corporation, through its Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to contract, sue and be sued, to hold, receive, hire or purchase real or personal property, and to sell or mortgage and pledge same, to borrow money, issue bonds to name and appoint such manager and officer as it may desire, and to make, alter, amend, and establish such By-Laws, rules and regulations for the proper management and expedition of its affairs as may be necessary and proper.

## ARTICLE FIFTH.

That all the corporate powers of this Corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of three Directors, who shall own at least one share of the capital stock of the Company; the majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.

They shall make all By-Laws, rules and regulations for the government of the business and affairs of the Company, and shall have the power to make all contracts and agreements, make all contracts, hire and discharge all officers, agents and employees, and fix all salaries, and generally to do and perform all things necessary in the transaction of the business and affairs of the Corporation.

They shall fill all vacancies which may occur in said Board from death, resignation or any other cause.

## ARTICLE SIXTH.

That the first Board of Directors of said Corporation shall consist of:

Maurice W. W. Wallis, George A. Henderson and G. J. Walls, and the said W. W. Wallis, as President, George A. Henderson as Vice-President and Secretary, and G. J. Walls as general manager, who shall be elected annually from the stockholders. March eighteen hundred and ninety-five, or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

On the first Tuesday in March, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and annually thereafter, the election of officers shall be held in the City of the Company, under the supervision of two commissioners to be appointed by the President and Directors. Those elected shall then be installed, and the new officers and their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Each Board shall elect its own officers. All corporate officers shall be installed and the stockholders present or represented and each share of the Stock shall be entitled to one vote in person or by proxy at any meeting of the Stockholders.

## ARTICLE SEVENTH.

That whenever this Corporation is dissolved, either by limitation of the Charter, or any other cause, its affairs shall be liquidated by three Commissioners to be appointed from among the Stockholders at a meeting of the Stockholders convened for that purpose. The Commissioners shall remain in force until the affairs of said Corporation shall have been fully liquidated. In case of death of one or more of said Commissioners, the survivors or survivors shall continue to act.

## ARTICLE EIGHTH.

That this Corporation may be dissolved by consent of three-fourths of the Stock represented, and the majority in amount thereof, at any general meeting of the Stockholders of said Corporation convened for that purpose. The Commissioners shall remain in force until the affairs of said Corporation shall have been fully liquidated. In case of death of one or more of said Commissioners, the survivors or survivors shall continue to act.

## ARTICLE NINTH.

That no Stockholders of this Corporation shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults thereof in any further sum than the unpaid balance due to the Corporation on the Stock, and that the liability of the individual Stockholders has the effect of rendering this Charter null or expediting any Stockholder to any liability beyond the amount of his Stock.

It is done and passed in my office at the City of New Orleans, aftermid the day month and year first above written in the presence of Maurice P. Woulfe and Franklin P. Marcy with whom I have made a copy of this Charter, and have given it publication in one of the daily Newspapers of the City of New Orleans, at times during the month of October, and am enclosing a copy of the same to the Owner of Stock, shall require an additional forty days notice writing by mail to each Stockholder.

Orleans, 1894.

(Signed) GEO. GUINHAULT.

GEORGE H. BERTHELOT

GEO. A. HENDERSON

W. W. WALLIS

MAURICE E. WOULFE

FRANKLIN P. MARCY

GEORGE J. WALLS

Wm. C. Moore,

and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the Charter of the "Handsome Bartelot Co., Limited," was this day duly recorded in my office Book 510 folio.

New Orleans, Seventh May, 1894.

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