

To be legal  
tender.

9. The notes of the Society shall be received as a legal tender.

(Circulation of  
notes limited.)

10. It shall not be lawful for the Society to put into circulation an amount of its notes exceeding its capital; and the values of the properties hypothecated to the society by its members, over and above all other hypothecary debts, after valuation shall have been made in conformity with the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed the capital of the Society. 5

Capital.

11. The capital of the Society shall not be less than two millions of dollars, nor more than

Letters of  
Credit.

12. The Society may issue letters of credit to depositors upon the money deposited by them, and may make agreements as to the time at which such deposits shall be repaid, and the interest thereon, which in no case shall exceed six per cent.: The said letters of credit shall bear the seal of the Company, and shall be transferable by endorsement.

Loans for  
more than  
one year.

13. The Society shall lend upon a sufficient hypothecation only, when the time for repayment exceeds one year: Provided always, that the amount which it shall be lawful for the said Society so to lend on hypothec, for any term exceeding one year, shall not exceed one fourth of its capital.

Loans for pe-  
riods less  
than a year.

14. The Society may, however, make advances to such persons as it may think proper, on their promises in writing, provided that the term of payment do not exceed twelve months, and in such case the members of the Board of Direction making the said advances shall be personally responsible for the repayment, unless they have been specially exempted, either wholly or partially, at a public meeting of the members of the Society, held at the time of the election of the members of the General Direction, by the vote of the majority of the members present at the said election. The Society may retain the interest on any of their loans at the time of making the same. 20 25

Loans at long  
dates.

15. The Society may lend upon long terms by obliging the borrower to repay the amount lent either by annual payments besides the interest, or in any other manner. 30

Society may  
purchase prop-  
erty mort-  
gaged to it.

16. The Society shall have power to cause to be sold, to bid on' and also to purchase the property hypothecated to it, but it shall be bound to re-sell the said property within the period of twelve months after such purchase, excepting such part thereof as they may require for their own proper use and occupation. 35

Withdrawal  
of Members.

17. Any member of the Society shall be entitled to withdraw therefrom at any time, upon repayment of the amount of capital and interest due by him. He may also at any time free himself from a part of his debt. 40

Admission of  
Members.

18. Any proprietor intending to become a member of the Society, shall do so by notarial deed, in which he shall declare that he submits himself to the rules of the Society, and shall specify the property which he desires to engage as security for the loan which he proposes to effect. This deed shall be registered. 45

Documents  
annexed to  
such deed.

19. The proprietor who shall thus have become a member of the Society shall cause to be annexed to the deed which he shall so have caused to be enregistered, to the profit of the Society,