[From The Independent Forester.]
To the Editor of The Mail: the letters of Mr. Macdonald, the accomplished actuary of the Confederation Life charged me with making statements "that were quite contrary to facts," and though challenged to the proof he has failed to submit a tittle of evidence to support so serious a charge; on the contrary, with the same marked contempt for the truth, in his letter which appeared in last Saturday's Mail he again charges me with making a false state erning the age of the Independent Order of Foresters. In order that there may be no error I reproduce his very words.

I should like to be able to persuade myself that Mr. Macdonald made use of the above quoted remarks from sheer ignorance of the subject about which he was writing, but in that case I should also have to persuade myself that he does not understand the English language, for it seems to me that no one understanding English and anxious 10 tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, could twist the following words to wit:

"Ten years ago last July the present Executive Council took hold of the affairs of the 1.0.F. and entered the field as a competitor for public favor." Into meaning "that it was just 10 years ago last July that the 1.0.F. entered the field as a competitor for public favor."

As a matter of fact the 1.0.F. was founded in Newark, New Jersey, in 1874. Introduced into Canada in 1876. The High Court of Ontarlo was organized in June 1878, and incorporated September, 1878. In 1881 the control of the American Supreme Court was organized in June 1878. Should be seen that the I.O.F. was founded into Canada in 1876. The High Court of Ontarlo was organized in June 1878.

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Or., sufficient to meet the liabilities incurred then the rate for age 50 must be grossly excessive," and when he makes this statement he assumes that I am impaled on his horns. In this, as in other things, he is in error. Many of the fraternal benefit societies cease accepting candidates at 50 years of age and over, thus leaving us, from age 50 to 54, our limit of age, to compete only with old line insurance companies. Under these circumstances the Supreme Court decided to fix the rates so that while the order still gave its insurance to the older applicants away below the amounts charged by the old line companies, there would be in all probability some profit made for the order out of such business, and which, in due course and in harmony with time-honored custom, would be returned to the persisting members as "dividends or profits." To show how thoroughly unreliable

which, in the course members as "dividends or profits." To show how thoroughly unreliable Mr. Macdonald is I have only to point out that the sum of \$43,263, given by him as forming part of the \$131,269 of the alleged general expenses of the 1.0.F. for the six months ending 31st December last, represents the fotal payments made by the Supreme Court for all expenses for its various departments, as well as for every dollar paid for uniforms, badges and other supplies, and which it sells again at a profit. It would be just as near the mark were Mr. Macdonald to say that the great jewelry house of P. W. Ediis & Co. paid out in 1891 in salaries, wages, rents, taxes, etc., \$25,000 and bought \$500,000 worth of goods, therefore their total expenses, or, as Mr. Macdonald calls it, "general expenses," were \$255,000. As the Supreme Court is no more responsible for any High Court expenses than it is for the expenses of the Confederation Life, it only shows how hard pressed Mr. Macdonald must be when he adds \$15,000 of alleged High Court expenses to the expenses of the Supreme Court, in order to swell it to \$137, 261. Neither is it necessary that I should call attention to the fact that Mr. Macdonald not only first adds together all the payments made by the Supreme Court for salaries, wages, rents, taxes, etc., and other legitimate management expenses, also for uniforms and badges and other stock-intrade, which it keeps for sale, and on which it makes a good profit, and all which go to the reduction in the cost to the individual, but actually adds thereto \$45,000 paid to substrdinate courts to secure medical attendance and other substantial tenefits for the membership and with which the Supreme Court has nothing whatever to do. I will dance and other substantial centers for inembership, and with which the Supreme Court has nothing whatever to do. I will now give an exhibit (1) of the cost to each individual in the I.O.F. and Confederation Life, and (2) benefits secured in each for the

Age	Benefits	Cost per	Cost in 20
	Secured.	year.	years.
19	\$3000 payable at death.	\$41 40	\$ 828 00
24		47 55	951 00
29		55 50	1,110 00
34		65 40	41,308 00
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secure an insurance only of \$3000, payable at death. INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS-TABLE

	Benefits Secured.	Cost for	Cost per year copt 1s year.	Cost fo
100	19 1 \$3000 insurance	\$11 00	* \$30 88	\$ 628 6
18	24 2 Free medical at-	11 00	*32 02	669 4
4	29 3 \$3 to \$5 sick bene- fits.	11 00	*35 08	712 6
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1. \$3000 of insurance.
2. Free medical attendance for 20 years.
3. \$3 to \$5 per week sick benefits during 12 weeks of any one illuess during 20 years.
4. \$50 funeral benefit.
5. The social and fraternal benefits of the order, and in case of total and permanent disability the member would be relieved of further payments at the end of six months and one half of the insurance paid at once, jets.

As against this the four policy holders in As against this the four policy holders in the Confederation Life pay \$4197 to secure the bare insurance at death.

As the sick and funeral benefits in the LO.F. are optional if a member wanted to carry insurance alone it would cost considerably less than the figures given; a bove. I think that those of your readers who study the above tables will have no difficulty in deciding that the LO.F. is not "furnishing insurance at a much higher cost" than the Confederation Life at least, and that for Mr. Macdonald to say that the LO.F. was ine Confederation Life at least, and that for Mr. Macdonald to say that the I.O.F. was furnishing insurance at a much higher cost than can be obtained in old line companies was, to say the least, self-contradictory, especially in view of the fact that he has been all along claiming that the I.O.F. was not sound because it charged too little.

The following will show at a glance the relative expenditures on account of manager. relative expenditures on account of manage-ment expenses of the I.Q.F. and of the Con-

table No. 3.					
Anna Anna	L O. F.	Confed'n Life.			
aid for commissions, salaries and other ex- penses of officers and clerks	\$ 20,830 41	\$109,408 51			
fees, stationery, post-	8,324 58	28,966 21			
Paid extension of the	6,498 05	None.			
Total expenses	\$.85,653 04	\$188.374 72			
Paid death losses, ma- tured endowments and S. and F. benefits Number of new insurers	Section 12 Test 1 to 10 to	\$123,507 19			

order of Foresters. In order that the the may be no error I reproduce his very words. They are as follows:

Let me first correct a misrepresentation here as to the age of the society. In his letter of Jan. 20 he stated that it was just 10 years ago last July that the LO.F. "entered the field as a companies in securing new insurers. If the petitor for public favor." Furthermore, the confederation Life had secured in 1890 over 5000 new insurers, instead of only 1791, the item for commissions, etc., would probably from the fifth to the 15th year of its existence when it has in reality only been doing outsiness as an insurance institution for a period of 10 years?

I should like to be able to persuade myself that Mr. Macdonald made use of the above quoted remarks from sheer ignorance of the outside for a little over of companies in securing new insurers. If the Confederation Life had secured in 1890 over 5000 new insurers, instead of only 1791, the item for commissions, etc., would probably have been increased by \$40,000 to \$50,000. In the LO.F., after a court is once established, it continues to be, in most cases, an active recruiting agency, and each year bourself of the above once the secured by our courts, practically without expense to our courts, practically without expense to

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