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Special line of dining chairs to match, in leather seats, at \$2.00 each. Just look around and compare. There is a difference, a large difference, in prices and quality.

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for a horse, wagon and two men—and the board compromised with them at \$5 a day.

Inspector Sanders left on Monday for Brantford, to attend a meeting of the Children's Aid Society of that city, but he was snowed out of the train, and did not reach Brantford until after the meeting had closed. If the inspector doesn't say them, he thinks things, like the Dutchman's key, these days.

RAILWAY TO THE RESCUE.

The Grand Trunk has had very little trouble on the main line, between London and the Tunnel, and on the old main line, from this city to Windsor, since which the road has been brought, and the officials here naturally disclaim that the road is responsible for the shortage of coal. The coal is being stored in the east end, near the coal sheds. The pile there includes about 30,000 tons of coal, and it is placed there the past summer to prevent a repetition of what occurred last year. The coal is being stored in the east end, near the coal sheds. The pile there includes about 30,000 tons of coal, and it is placed there the past summer to prevent a repetition of what occurred last year. The coal is being stored in the east end, near the coal sheds. The pile there includes about 30,000 tons of coal, and it is placed there the past summer to prevent a repetition of what occurred last year.

There is no danger of another shortage for the railway, as the chief of the factories was ordered. The London Rolling Mills, which have been shut down for some days owing to a lack of soft coal, will resume operation in consequence of the Grand Trunk's action. The McClary Company, the Benoit Company, Mr. Kent, the Canadian Packing Company are the other establishments that will benefit.

ON A CHARGE OF FRAUD

J. W. Thompson Arrested at

Noon Today.

Charged With Obtaining \$1,000 De-

benture by Fraudulent Means.

A sensational arrest took place in this city today, when J. W. Thompson, manager of the Canada Tin Plate Company, of East London, was arrested by Detective Egleton in the Dominion Bank, corner of Dundas and Talbot streets, on a charge of fraud.

The warrant was procured by Samuel Davis, 711 Prince Avenue, N. E. Thompson is alleged to have obtained possession of a \$1,000 debenture of the York County Loan and Savings Company, from Davis.

Davis, it is alleged, claims that Thompson offered to buy the debenture from him; that he (Thompson) induced Davis to transfer it to him, giving Davis a receipt for the debenture, but without the words "for value received."

Thompson, it is further alleged, deposited the debenture with the London Loan Company, transferring it to the manager, Mr. Kent. Davis alleged he got no money for the debenture and became alarmed.

The matter will require a hearing, but it is believed that the debenture had been sent to Toronto to effect the transfer legally, and when the transfer was made it was not sent to the London Loan, but was used by Thompson to obtain a loan from the manager of the York County Loan, Mr. W. J. Talbot. Mr. Davis then served notice on Mr. Thompson, and the manager acted in accordance with the instructions.

Davis then swore out a warrant for Thompson on a charge of fraud, and the arrest followed today as stated. Up to 3 o'clock Thompson had not been bailed.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Wallace Walker has been appointed to the police force of this city.

—Percy, the youngest son, is seriously ill.

—Miss Mastie Ross, of Ingersoll, has been accepted by Joseph's Hospital, where she will continue her training.

—The regular weekly meeting of the A. Y. P. A. of Christ Church, Monday evening, was of a social character, an interesting programme of recitations, vocal and instrumental music, followed by light refreshments, was much enjoyed by the 50 young people who were present.

FIREMAN ROBERTSON AT HOME.

Fireman Frank Robertson, who was severely injured in the Sterling fire, has so far recovered that it was possible to remove him to his home today. It will be several months before he will be able to use his arm.

BEFORE THE POLICE COURT.

William Good wasn't so good and was fined \$10 or 30 days, the charge being that he was drunk. Pat Meany, mother-in-law, was remanded a week. Frank Harris was given two weeks more to settle with the hotelier whose window he smashed.

HANTLER REMOVED.

Francis Chantler was remanded for another week this morning by Squire Smyth, on the charge of receiving stolen cattle. On account of the irregularity of the trains and the bad roads, witnesses were unable to get out, so the case had to be adjourned.

J. M. C. A. MEMBERSHIP.

Membership Secretary Reid, of the J. M. C. A., has prepared a statement which shows a total of 52 new members in January and 45 renewals. Against this there were 26 left the city and 9 who did not renew. The total membership now is 584 seniors and 191 juniors, or 775 altogether.

TWO SMALL FIRES.

The firemen were called today to the store of W. T. Mullins, corner of Dundas street and Wilson avenue, West London, to put out a fire. The blaze proved a small one and no damage was done. A couple of firemen were also sent to the residence of A. J. Ford, 521 St. George's street, where a gas stove had burned in this case was slight. The damage in this case was slight.

CHANGE IN WORKING HOURS.