

THERE'S NO POLITICS IN ATLANTIC ROUTE

Premier's Sharp Reply to Intimation from British Delegation.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—E. B. Devlin, M. P., introduced to Sir Wilfrid Laurier to-day the deputation which had crossed the Atlantic to urge upon the Canadian Government the advantages of Blackhead Bay, on the west coast of Ireland, as the ideal terminus for the proposed all-Red line between the United Kingdom and the colonies.

The premier answered that the question was entirely technical, and that the duty of his government was not to decide what should be the British terminus of the proposed line, but only what would be in the best interests of Canada.

Dr. A. Ross, M. P., one of the members of the deputation, had said that no project which did not take into account the fact that the British Parliament would be able to take advantage of the route that we possess across the Atlantic.

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James Orwell, boarding at 121 John-street, was arrested on Saturday for theft from Baxter's cigar store, where he was clerk. He made a bolt for liberty, but was stopped before he got the yards. At his boarding house Detective Mackie found a trunk full of clothes and smokers' accessories. He comes from Kingston and had been working at the cigar store for four weeks. He had \$150 on him.

He pleaded guilty. Sentence was deferred until Thursday next.

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