

ARBITRARY MEASURES.

Four staunch friends of freedom, Rev. Dr. SALEM BLAND, Rev. Father MINEHAN, Mr. J. G. O'DONOGHUE and Mr. ARTHUR HAWKES, have joined hands in a protest against the arbitrary measures of the Government of this free and democratic country. The particular arbitrary measure which has aroused the indignation of this liberty-loving quartette is that which provides for the deportation to the place of their origin of aliens who make use of the liberty of this country to plot against established government, advocate revolution and promote sedition. The four protesters want protection for these people from the autocratic, arbitrary regulation of the Government.

Of course arbitrary measures are especially objectionable when directed against these people, because their own programme is so free from anything of an arbitrary character! They propose merely that those whom they convert to their doctrines should seize the industries, the properties, the institutions, and the Government of Canada by force and proceed to run the country in what they consider their own interests without regard to the will or the interests of the rest of the people. What a hideous thing it is that they should be subjected to arbitrary treatment!

At the same time, it is noteworthy that an organization which is always at the forefront of advocacy for justice and liberty should take a directly opposite attitude in the matter of alien revolutionaries to that of the four Canadians whose names have been mentioned. The American Federation of Labor has just demanded that the United States Government send out of the country a distinguished leader of the aliens who are endeavoring to establish Bolshevism on this continent, LUDWIG MARTENS, unofficial representative in the United States of the Soviet Government of Russia. The great labor organization, champion of the liberties of the common people, recognizes MARTENS and his kind as the enemies of liberty and want them deported.