

this and boord iv that, ad infinitum, schame of yeers, and supposin' thot they cast a majority iv their votes in favor iv the Commission, what thin?'

" 'Shanrahan,' sez he, 'yeer childish simplicity is pitiful. Ye better go back to yeer nursing bottle and rattle box and net try to discuss quistions so vital to the pooblic wilfare, with min iv intilligence. Are ye that guileless thot ye think the masses are wise enough to know the difference betwane a Commission and a Boord iv Control! Why,' sez he, 'we could call it a boord iv fiddlesticks and they'd vote fer it and think they were getting what they want. There ain't wan man in a hundred thot knows what he's voting fer. It's so aisy that it's a shame to have to spind our time counting the votes. We should jist call it unanimous and lit it go at that.'

" 'No!' he continued, 'yeer wasting yeer time whin ye try to talk civic gover'mint. Shannahan; the quistion is too large fer ye.'

" 'Well,' sez I, 'I guess I wasn't cut out fer a politician or a safe-cracker. I think I'll go back to the sile,' sez I, 'and git away frim ye pathriotic schamers. I'm aither too foolish or too honest to be a useful mimber iv society.'

"A secluded lodge in the jungle iv some mid-Pacific isle, fer me. A place iv rist and refuge where I nade nivermore worry me hid about Boords iv Control, Boords iv Works, boords iv fiddlesticks, bottomless strates, thray plank sidewalks, waste of pooblic funds, incompetence iv city officials, rapoodiation iv ag-graymints with citizens, or any iv the other blessings iv civilization which we enjoy in Vancouver. 'Good day, Mr. Casey,' sez I, 'and remimber wan thing: sometimes the pooblic gits enough, sometimes it wakes up and takes a swat at things. At sooch times ye can generally hear something drop. Don't play with this giant fire-cracker too ricklissly. It might go off in yeer hand.' "

—W. F. GITCHELL.

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## Kicks and Queries

*First Question—Is it not too radical a change? They are going to abolish the Mayor and Aldermen.*

*Answer—Not at all! It is simply supplanting a large committee by a small committee.*

*Second Question—It does away with the ward representation, and the weak ward will be neglected?*

*Answer—There are no wards. The city is the unit. The Council deals with the necessities of each section of the city on its merits.*