

Similar legislation is proposed in British Columbia. The Government of the United States is moving in the direction of controlling all radium ores.

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### SLUM DISTRICTS.

This is a perennial question in all large cities. Toronto has not as many and bad slum districts as are to be found in some other large cities, yet it is not free from them. The Local Board of Health is dealing with the problem. It has been urged that the city go into the business of building and renting dwelling apartments. This would be a system of municipal lodging houses. The private lodging houses in the city are inadequate in equipment and many of them are run by foreigners. Very many of these lodging houses are greatly over-crowded. The inspectors found that there were 2,930 persons in 714 lodging houses in excess of the numbers allowed by law.

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### THE LONGEVITY OF MAN.

Sir Gilbert Parker said a short time ago that people should not stop working at 70, but should keep on doing more. With this view we find Sir James Crichton-Brown in accord. This latter authority on old age contends that man's normal limit is 100 years. The best way of avoiding a feeble old age is to be busy doing something. He states that the biographical dictionary is full of examples of men of marked activity at ages far over 70. Musical and speech expressions come in late mid-life, but reason and judgment reach their acme later and may be retained to advanced ages. Under favorable conditions one hundred years should be the goal.

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### SEX EDUCATION.

Perhaps on no subject has there been more said that it would not have been far better for the public had it been unsaid. All sorts of people have undertaken to give advice on this subject. Societies exist for the propagation of *knowledge* on it, and the daily press is frequently quite sensational over it, and gives space to the discussions that take place about it. The whole subject is one of great difficulty and delicacy, and one where very much more harm can be done than good according to the sort of person who gives the instructions.

We have always felt that the home is where this information should