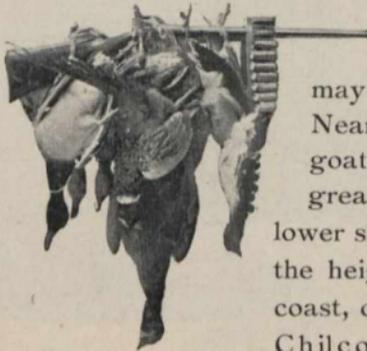


where nature reigns supreme. A strong physique and steady nerve is required to bring down these monarchs of the mountains. Goats can be had in the winter months with comparative ease. They are found in the mountains opposite the city, as the snow line descends during December and January, and the heights along the



coast are inhabited so thickly by these animals that they may be easily discerned from the decks of passing steamers. Mountain goats are singularly fearless, and that they brave dangers from which other animals flee is attested by incident. Bears are in almost every swamp, but grizzlies are encountered in the mountains where civilization is as yet marked only by the railway. Deer, the favorite game during September and October, are obtained in great numbers all along the coast, at varying distances from the city, and conveniently reached by steamers. Guides, when required, may be obtained at very moderate expense. The mountain lion, or cougar, is one of the dangerous animals in British Columbia. It is not often shot, but is taken by the trapper in a deadfall or snare. It is found mainly where deer abound, its common practice being to leap from a



tree near a run to the back of the unfortunate animal beneath. Shooting excursions may be had to suit one's pleasure. Near Vancouver may be obtained goats, deer and black bears. At a greater distance, grizzlies on the lower slopes and mountain sheep on the heights. Northward along the coast, or reached via Cariboo, is the Chilcoten District where many