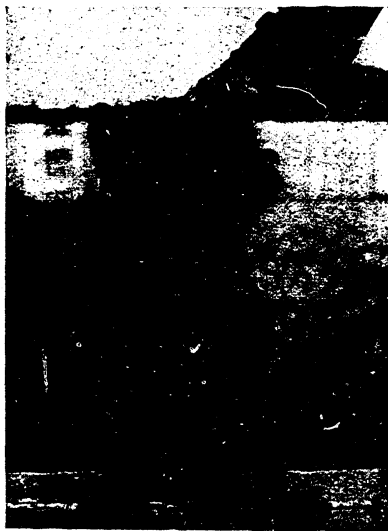


or by opening doors or windows, should the player get one of these openings in line with his shot. The furniture on the whole is of home make, crude, but comfortable. A hammock swings from the posts of the piazza.

On retiring the first night I saw two moving coals of fire glaring at

forts when the year's supplies arrive or are shipped en route to other posts farther north. Everything has to be brought from the coast, first by steamer up the Skeena, then by pack train to Babine Lake, thence by schooner to a ten-mile portage, at the farther end of which another schooner brings the cargo across Stuart's Lake to the fort. But part of these supplies go on over the trail to Fort McLeod, and are there put into scows, which go down the Parsnip River and up the Findlay to Fort Graham. No wonder the greater part of a season is required to get food to some of these parts. The half-breed packers know well their business of handling these Hudson Bay pack trains. This is the way they do it. Some ten thousand pounds of supplies are brought out



YOUNG WOLF, FORT ST. JAMES.

me through the window. I got up and locked that window as well as the others. The next morning I saw a timber wolf running about the yard, cutting antics with a big Indian pack dog. Just before rising from the breakfast table, I felt something pressed against my arm, and turning I looked down into the begging eyes of a young doe. A long array of cats, dogs and retired pack horses completed the list of these pets, which lived together in perfect harmony as one large family. The wolf, although tame enough, still clung to his natural instincts, and during the walks we took at dark preferred to slink along behind us, disappearing from time to time into the bush and coming out to the trail again at unlooked for places.

A busy scene is enacted at these



A YOUNG DEER.

of the warehouse and arranged along the planks in piles of two hundred and fifty pounds each. Forty horses, not cayuses, are driven into the enclosure, blinders are fastened over the horses' eyes, and they are saddled. The saddle, composed of two leather pads, is thrown over the horse's back. A strap is passed under his body to two men, who brace themselves