

as the lighter tint upon the design. The best ceiling for this will be an embossed leather paper, diapered in relief and of a deep cream color. All the woodwork should be painted white or cream, and if left flat-tinted or only very slightly varnished, it will be much preferable.

Japanese matting will make a pretty, simple frieze which looks extremely well for the walls of a country house, but is hardly appropriate for rooms of any pretensions. Then Gesso, a decoration modeled by hand on a wooden surface, is another material which may be satisfactorily used as a dado; while Cordelova, either painted in plain colors or decorated in several, has a very handsome appearance. Anaglypta may also be employed with great success, and is too well known to call for description. Veneers of real wood are now obtainable so thin as to be hung like paper hangings, and are frequently used for a dado, and when designs are stained upon them they gain the appearance of being inlaid. Still another uncommon dado is the French Lincrusta-Walton, which is much more decorative than that of English manufacture, and hangs particularly well under a plain wall paper, but the oak and mahogany panelled dado are without doubt handsomer and more durable than any

other, and can be used with almost any style of room. It is seldom wise to use both a frieze and dado along with a filling, as the wall space seems too much cut up, while the apparent height of the room is considerably diminished.

#### GETTING READY FOR SPRING TRADE

Colin McArthur & Co. report a good season's trade in wall paper. In a few days they will be getting ready for their spring trade.

#### A NEW WING UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

Messrs. Colin McArthur & Co.'s addition to their factory is completed. The roof is being put on now, and a couple of weeks will see the new building occupied.

#### NOTES AND NEWS.

The authorities of the Halifax Citizens' Reading-room have offered a reward for the discovery of the vandals who mutilate papers and magazines.

Capt. J.C. Hatton, of Deloraine, Manitoba, known to the Winnipeg public through his dialect poems bearing on Manitoba over the nom de plume A. Cede, has gone to Toronto to reside. The captain's poems, published from time to time in The Deloraine Times

and Boissevain Globe, were possessed of more than usual literary merit and obtained for him the title of "Kipling of the Prairies."

#### A BUSY HOLIDAY TRADE.

During the Christmas season the Bain Book and Stationery Co., Toronto, are devoting their art gallery to an elaborate exhibit of Christmas cards and Christmas and New Year art calendars and art booklets. They have sets of excellently printed books, about twelve by eighteen inches, of Charles Dana Gibson's sketches, the set including Gibson's "London," his "People" and his "Drawings." Nansen's "Farthest North" is now being printed in parts, each part first class in printing and illustrations. The work will be complete in 20 parts, the second of which is now out, the parts selling at 20c each. This firm is making a specialty of fiction in half morocco, Kipling's poems in 3 vols. and Nansen's "Farthest North," in 2 vols. proving very popular. Parkman's works have lately been in large demand, also "Lochinvar," by Crockett, and "Tennyson's Life," by his son. Christmas season this year has been a very satisfactory one to this enterprising retail firm. They having pushed the trade much earlier this year than usual, have found November as good a month this season as December for many years past.



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