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Hyde Park House, in Knightsbridge, was recently completed and accommodates the Directors' Offices for the Bovril Group.

**Top, near right** general view of the chairman's office. The walls are constructed of  $\frac{3}{4}$ in block-board panels lipped with hardwood on all edges and veneered with cedar of Lebanon and secretly fixed back onto grounds. Each panel is separated from the other by an  $\frac{1}{8}$ in aluminium strip, and the panelling runs from floor to ceiling. Two cupboards were provided, the one nearest the desk for filing and the other for hats and coats. Both have flush doors and are sprayed white internally and contain overhead recessed lighting.

**Centre, right** a typical secretary's office. Note the adjustable book shelves on the walls with Teebrak supports and channels. Channels are recessed into plaster and the plaster is separated from the removable skirting by an Impalco aluminium plaster angle. Bookshelves and timber window cill are in Lebanon cedar. The fluorescent light fittings are semi-recessed opal plexiglass.

**Far right** view of the reception area. A display screen is divided into five main panels and then subdivided into smaller panels, and covered with Quox pvc suede.

The screen carries a partially glazed show case which runs the whole length of the unit. The base of the show case is of pierced plywood onto which are fixed minipack fluorescent tubes, and above these, resting on aluminium angles, are sheets of diffusing glass. Five vertical grey glass panels are held in position by purpose-made U-shaped glazing clips mounted on aluminium dowels. The reception desk is supported between the structural wall and screen. It consists of 6in overhanging top veneered vertically and horizontally with cedar of Lebanon. The front is constructed of three equal panels and the timber is cellulosed egg-shell black. The ceiling is plastered and spaced away from the walls to allow edge lighting. The chairs are from Edward Bull and are covered in Interiors International orange nylon homespun.

**Bottom, right** a detail showing the adjustable shelf system in director's office. Teebrak channels are recessed into the plaster.

