

## MINING INTELLIGENCE.

### GOLD.

Private intelligence was received in town yesterday to the effect that a reef showing gold had been cut in the tunnel which is being driven on the Gladstone claim, Blue Tier. The reef had been penetrated for a distance of 3ft, and was not then passed through. This lode is not considered to be the Victoria reef, as the mining manager would require to drive 80ft further before intersecting that.

A party who recently returned from a visit to the Star of the West Co.'s claim at the Minnaw goldfield, report that the Company's shaft is now down 36ft, the last ten feet being through gold-bearing country, which as they get down is still becoming richer, and there is every appearance of a payable reef being struck shortly.

The necessary repairs to the plunger pole of the large pump of the Florence Nightingale Co., Beaconsfield, have been effected in Melbourne, and the plunger pole arrived on Saturday by the Flinders and was yesterday forwarded to the claim. The mining manager expects to have the large pump in working order again in two days. During the delay the mine has been kept free of water with the old appliances.

### BEACONSFIELD.

*Tasmania.*—The mining manager reports on 7th inst. that all the faces are showing good gold, and some of the stopes are splendid and are looking much better than they have done for some time past.

*Little Wonder.*—The mining manager reports under date of yesterday that he has driven 15ft for the week, and has got a deal of stone, showing gold but not payable as yet. He is going to put a man on surface prospecting where the tributors left off.

*Queen.*—A private letter from this claim is to the effect that the battery started crushing last Thursday, and has been kept going full speed since. A larger quantity of stuff than formerly is being put through.

*Providence.*—The mining manager writing yesterday states that he has extended the cross-cut to the boundary of the Olive Branch, having driving 10ft, making 67ft, total length of drive, without

meeting anything in the shape of a reef. On Friday he started to follow up the stone he struck some two months ago, but had not succeeded in discovering any more stone. He intended to keep on two days longer, and should he not meet with anything he would start the drive west

anything he would start the drive west again.

*Blyth's Freehold.*—The mining manager reports that he started carting stone for the trial crushing to Ellis's battery yesterday.

### NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

*New Chum.*—The mining manager writes, under date the 10th—I have the clutch gear completed, and the slide winze bore in, and I expect to [make a 'start sinking on Wednesday next. During the holidays I gave all the machinery a thorough overhaul. The reef in the western face is rather smaller than when I last reported, and in the western stopes it averages 3ft wide, and very rich.

*Queen's Birthlay.*—The mining manager reports on 10th inst.—Have sunk 16ft for the week, making a total depth of 100ft. The sinking is through very favourable country, slate intersected with quartz leaders, heavily charged with mineral. I will continue sinking for this week, and will then open out.

*West Chum Extended.*—The mining manager reports on 10th inst.—I have sunk the shaft 8ft, making a total depth of 101ft. The ground is a little harder.

*Great Extended West Chum.*—The mining manager reports on 7th inst.—The shaft is down 91ft, and I intend to open out this week.

*East New Chum.*—The mining manager reports on 10th inst.—I have commenced to open out, and will have the opening set in to-day if all goes right. The ground is rather hard. The machinery is working well, and the water about the same as when I last reported.

*East New Chum Extended.*—The mining manager reports on 10th inst.—The contractors are now down about 20ft with the shaft, but I have a deal of trouble to get timber. I have engaged two pairs of sawyers to cut for me as well as Batten. I have one man with me at the whim, and have the poppet legs up and the whim ring finished. I expect by the end of the week to see the whim well advanced.

*Duke of Argyle.*—The mining manager reports on 10th inst.—I have during the past week driven the crosscut to the south of the shaft a further distance of 17ft, making a total distance of 25ft with no result as yet. I intend to leave off driving to the south, and open out north to get a short distance in that direction. The ground still keeps hard, with about the same quantity of water.

### GOLCONDA.

A correspondent writes on 10th inst.:—“The Exhibition reef is causing a good deal of excitement in this district, owing to the rich specimens and generally good character of the stone obtained from it. The reef is also exceptionally well placed for working, being on the top of Mount

The reef is also exceptionally well placed for working, being on the top of Mount Wilson, so that 500ft or 600ft of backs could be obtained by an adit from the top of the hill. It is situate between the Crown Prince claim (in which are known to exist good gold bearing reefs) and the Mount Wilson Co.'s claim. In fact, the Exhibition reef will intersect the latter at one point for about two chains, and ought to enhance greatly the value of that Company's property. Claims are pegged out north and south, Nos. 1 and 2. I hear the Queensland Co. (who have a good show here) are purchasing a battery, and will soon have the same erected, so that we hope in a few weeks to hear the stampers again at work."

#### NORTH MOUNT CAMERON.

*Royal Tasman.*—The mining manager, Mr Leonard Anderson, reports as follows on 8th instant:—"In my last I informed you the reef in new shaft was 10ft in width. Since then I have found the reef was cut off north by a strong slide, and thrown west 6ft out of its course; and it is here where the new shaft is going down. Hence the reef was apparently so wide—fully 12ft. I now find the reef in bottom of shaft 5ft in width; a well defined solid body of stone dipping north, carrying good gold. Shaft logged up and sunk 10ft since the directors were here, with one shift. I have broken 20 tons of stone from the reef at this place, and collected 20 tons more that had been thrown away from the cap of reef, all of good quality. Some of this stone is rich in gold. I have also nearly completed another paddock, parallel to the other, that will hold 200 tons of quartz. I hope to be able to start three shifts in shaft next week, but find it difficult to get miners. Plenty of surface men are to be had; of no use to me."

*North Tasman.*—Mr John M'Aveston, the newly appointed mining manager, reports on 7th instant:—"Since I took charge I have erected the men's huts, and resumed work in the tunnel with three shifts on 6th inst. It is now in 48ft. Taking the line of the Royal Tasman reef, I think we shall cut the reef at 150ft from the present length of tunnel. Judging from the appearance of the reef in the Royal Tasman claim (and where it is opened out towards the North it looks well, and shows gold freely in the stone), we will cut the reef at a greater depth, when we may expect to have it better at the lower levels. I expect when we cut the reef that we will have over 100ft of backs. We shall have good driving if the ground continues as it is at present."

*Deskford.*—Mr R. M'Kenzie reports on 7th inst.:—"Mining operations were resumed on Monday, 3rd inst. The tunnel has been driven since my report of 18th December a further distance of 22ft, making total length of tunnel from en-

18th December a further distance of 22ft, making total length of tunnel from entrance 40ft. The distance driven speaks for itself, as showing the easy and favourable nature of the country, which is soft blue slate. Up to date I have only had two shifts at work, as I could not get miners, but will be able to do so next week, and have three shifts working. I have two men employed burning charcoal, making culvert in creek, and other necessary surface work.