

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Mr T. C. Just held his weekly scrip sale at the Exchange Mart yesterday. There was a good attendance but bidding was very slack, except in one or two favourite lines. 80 Royal Tasman shares were withdrawn at 20s, and the following lots were disposed of:— 50 North Tasman 6s, 50 ditto 6s 6d, 25 West Chum £4 8s, 45 ditto £4 7s, 50 Gladstone 5s, 400 Enfield 1s 1d, 50 Duke of Argyle 2s, 50 Victoria £1 3s, and one promoter's Mount Cameron T. M. Co., £24 5s. After the sale Mr Just sold privately 100 Golden Era shares at 5s. Mr Just's next weekly sale of mining scrip will be held on Tuesday, 18th inst.

Messrs Hartnoll and Ferguson will hold a scrip sale at their mart at noon to-day, when a long list of shares will be submitted.

GOLD.

Rumours have been floating round town during the last day or two of the discovery of a reef at the Lisle goldfield, but as very little authentic information was available, we declined giving publicity to it. From what we have since been able to gather, it appears that Constable Murnane, when riding into town recently, saw near the road what he thought was some quartz, and upon investigation found a vein 8in. thick, the spot where the discovery was made being on the ridge near the boundary of Mr Thos. Faulkner's farm. Constable Murnane was accompanied by a man named Thomas Driscoll, who lost no time in spreading the rumour that a reef had been found, and preparing people for some "exciting news." It is alleged that from 1lb of the stone a grain of gold was obtained by hand crushing, but this report lacks confirmation. Several claims are said to have been taken up on the line of the stone. We will no doubt receive reliable details in a day or two from our Lisle correspondent.

Application is made to register the Rising Sun Company.

We learn that the proprietors of the Hematite Company, Beaconsfield, have disposed of their interest in the section east of and adjoining the Florence Nightingale claim, on the Tasmania line of reef. A company will be immediately formed for working the section, and the promoters intend to recommend on the formation of the company that a large main shaft be sunk to a depth of 300ft before opening out, and that powerful machinery be obtained, so that with the assistance of the Florence Nightingale any quantity of water likely to be met with from the reef could be successfully coped with.

From our Hobart telegram it will be seen that the Government have, for the third time, decided to send supplies to the Pieman River diggings, and thus

the Pieman River diggings, and thus enable the field to be properly prospected without the miners having the fear of famine constantly before their eyes. The supplies will be sufficient for two or three months at least.

BLUE TIER.

Victoria.—The mining manager, under date of January 10, reports that he has driven the tunnel 77ft for the fortnight, making a total of 161ft.

NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

West New Chum.—The mining manager reports under date of Monday:—"During the week the work has been progressing well. I shall be ready to commence sinking the main shaft to another level in a few days, and I have engaged a pair of sawyers to make sure of the shaft timber. The stone in the stopes is looking well. I have started the No 1 drive, west of the main shaft, and came across a vein of quartz, which by its appearance leads me to the belief that I shall soon meet with a body of quartz. The battery is working well."

Prince of Wales.—The mining manager, under date 10th inst., reports—"I commenced bailing on Monday, 3rd inst., and by Tuesday afternoon had the water all out. Upon examining the drives I found them all in so bad a state that they could not be worked in without a considerable expenditure. The Springs directors met, and decided it would be advisable to sink the shaft another 50ft, and put in fresh levels at 100ft. This

will give an additional 50ft of backs, and the stone at present remaining in the mine down to 50ft level can then be stoped out without repairing present drives. I have put a rise up from 50ft level to the 23ft level, which gives us good air in the shaft; have constructed a dam to keep the water back, and am now sinking full time. The whim works well, and I trust to be down the required depth in course of three weeks from date, if not delayed for want of timber."

New Chum.—A telegram was yesterday received by Mr R. H. Price, legal manager, from the mining manager, to the effect that about 60 tons of stone had been put through for the week, and the weekly scrapings of the plates and ripples gave 275oz amalgam.

BEACONSFIELD.

Providence.—The mining manager, writing under date January 11, says:—"On Monday forenoon I came on some stone after driving a small crosscut, 14ft south-westerly from the stone that I reported two months ago. It has the appearance of a reef, carries two good walls, and is from 1ft 6in to 2ft wide. It carries gold both in the stone and in the rubble, but not rich. I shall drive on the

rubble, but not rich. I shall drive on the course of it going west. I like the appearance of it better than anything I have seen in this level."