

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

GOLD.

Mr T. C. Just submitted a long list of scrip at his mart yesterday, but bidding was very dull, and the bulk of the lots were passed in. 200 East Chum Extended realised 1s 6d, and 200 Victoria 19s; 80 Queen's Birthday 3s, and 25 Blyth's Freehold 7s. 100 Royal Tasman shares were passed in at 30s 6d, the reserve being above that figure. 5 New Chums at £7 5s, and 175 North Tasman at 5s 9d, in addition to other lots, passed. Mr Just sold privately, immediately after the auction, 100 Gladstone G.M. Co. at 3s 6d; 175 North Tasman G.M. Co. at 6s; 1-4th share Lady Tasman G.M. Co. at £7 10s.

Messrs Hartnoll and Ferguson's scrip sale will take place at noon to-day.

Mr Just will hold another sale of scrip on Friday, particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns.

Mr Owen Reece applies for a lease of 10 acres for quartz mining at Mussel Roe, adjoining Campbell and McLean's claim, and Mr Wm. Creelman makes a similar application for 10 acres east of and adjoining Moore's section, about two miles from the Blue Bell claim. Mr A. Reid applies for a similar section west of and adjoining Moore's claim, and Mr C. J. Donnelly applies for 10 acres situated south-east of and adjoining that under application by Messrs Reece and Chaffey, North Mount Cameron. Messrs Reid and Wm. Beveridge have put in an application for 10 acres at North Mount Cameron near Dally's, Batten's and Bennell's sections, and Messrs King and Moore apply for a similar area one mile south-east of a hut known as "shanties," on the Mussel Roe River. Mr R. H. Price applies for 10 acres adjoining Brewer and Whitfeld's section, North Mount Cameron.

The Minister of Lands notifies that on the 9th inst. he will make application to the Governor-in-Council to declare a lease of 10 acres held by Chas. L. Smith and Harriet Pease, Parish of Fonthill, for gold mining, and a lease of 8½ acres at Beaconsfield, held by Job Dally, void, the labour clauses not having been complied with, or the rental paid in advance.

The directors of the Victoria Company, Blue Tier, have purchased from the Hematite Company a 14½ in. cylinder engine, and a 20ft. boiler, with freestone engine, bed and brick stack, the whole complete to drive the 10 head battery. This engine will be capable of driving 20 head. Tenders are invited for taking down, carting, and re-erection of same on the Company's ground, to be received up to Friday, 14th inst.

BEACONSFIELD.

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NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

West New Chum.—Mr T. L. Kitto, the mining manager, reports under date the 4th inst. that operations had been commenced at the mine that day, and he had started crushing, the machinery being in good order. He is now making preparations to sink the main shaft a further depth of 60ft., and will start in a few days.

NORTH MOUNT CAMERON.

Royal Tasman.—Mr Leonard Anderson, mining manager, writing on 1st inst. reports:—"I am glad to tell you that where I have started the new shaft on the reef the stone is looking well, and is fully ten feet in width." This shaft is the one referred to in our issue of 1st instant as being 35ft. north from Mr Chaffey's cutting, where at the time the directors visited it (December 30), the reef was about 5ft. solid in width, carrying gold freely. It was from this part that the directors broke out stone, which on being crushed in their presence yielded a splendid prospect. The reef must therefore have rapidly increased in width in the new shaft.