

GOLD.

The amalgam from the first crushing of the United Chums Company, Lefroy, was retorted yesterday, and produced 247oz gold, value £991, giving an average yield on the 90 tons of stone crushed of 2oz 15dwt to the ton.

A meeting of the shareholders of the New Sir John Franklin Company (No Liability) was held at the office of Messrs Lyell and Gowan, on 8th inst., says the *Argus*. Articles of association were adopted, and the following directors were appointed:—Messrs R. Hodgson, G. V. Smith, J. M'A. Howden, L. Powell, and J. Gray. Mr J. H. Wymond was appointed manager.

Mining managers report as under:—

BEACONSFIELD.

Little Gem.—Nov. 5—The timber which we have been waiting for so long was delivered on the claim last week. Since then the contractors have been busy in timbering and centring up the shaft, 2ft sinking only having been done for the week. Depth of shaft, 57ft, with very promising country.

Windfall (Whelan, Carey, and Party).—This party are putting in a substantial tunnel into the east side of Cabbage Tree Hill at a point about 200 yards north of the Ophir paddock, and between Bruen's race and the main road. The dimensions of the tunnel are 6ft high, 5ft spread, 3ft caps. Length of open cutting, 100ft down, and tunnel driven 40ft from opening up to 7th inst. Good prospects continue to be met with. Four sections with an area of 33 acres are in course of amalgamation, and a company is also in course of being formed for the purpose of working the ground on an extended scale.

SALISBURY.

Gladstone.—Nov. 8—I have to report for fortnight that I have driven on the course of the lode 35ft, making the total length of the drive 238ft from main tunnel. The width of lode averages 5ft, with walls well defined, but reef broken up, showing in my opinion that we are not deep enough. Being within a few feet of the Victoria boundary, I put in a cross-cut for 5ft into the footwall, and struck nice blue slate country, in which I cut two quartz leaders of good looking stone, but could see no gold. There is a good deal of water now making, both from overhead and from the hanging wall.

LEFROY.

New Native Youth.—A telegram received last evening by the manager from the mining manager says:—"North drive improving: stone coming in with gold showing in it."