

GOLD.

All shares in the Gladstone Company upon which the seventh call is not paid by 21st inst. will be forfeited.

A call, the second, of 2d per share has been made in the Grand Standard Company, payable on 18th inst.

A call, the sixth, of 6d per share has been made in the Royal Mint Company, payable on 24th inst.

A special meeting of shareholders in the Florence Nightingale Company is called for 8 p.m. on 24th inst., at the office of Mr R. H. Price, for the adoption of an agreement for the Drainage Union at Beaconsfield, mentioned by us some months ago.

Mining managers report as under :—

GLADSTONE.

Royal Tasman.—Nov. 12—In No. 2 tunnel driven 6ft for week (two men), and we are now close to the reef. Winze sunk to the required depth ; reef in same 2ft 6in, strong, and well defined, underlaying east all the way down. South level No. 1 reef, total length driven 94ft ; reef 4ft in width, and is now within 20ft of Mr Chaffey's first shaft. So far as we have driven the stone is unlike the stone in the shaft. In the shaft there is a soft lava 1ft in width ; in the level we have not seen it. In No. 2 reef the south level has been driven 26ft in all, and now the reef is 15in in width. Have risen on the stopes 8ft, and the stone is 2ft 6in wide, showing gold.

The result of the last cleaning up was given in Monday's *Examiner*. The weight of the gold was then stated as being 611oz 1 dwt. On being re-weighed at the Commercial Bank yesterday the true weight was found to be 611oz 7dwts, or 6dwts more than was at first announced.

North Mint.—Nov. 11—Have sunk a well and secured it, and started to drive. I cannot give an exact estimate of the distance. I shall have to drive before I cut the lode, as I do not know what underlay the lode has at a depth. Water is making heavier, as I have been obliged to put on three shifts. The country continues hard, and will require shooting. I have discontinued prospecting the No. 2 lode while opening out, as I required men on the brace, but will resume operations on this line next week.

Progress.—Nov. 11—Will probably have to drive 40ft to cut the reef again in lower level. Have had to put another man on, the water being so heavy lately.

North Tasman.—Nov. 12—Have driven the cross-cut at the bottom of the winze 14ft for the week, and from the course of the reef in the Royal Tasman where they are at work, I reckon I will have to drive between 30 and 40ft before I meet with the reef. I have risen on the reef in the tunnel 6ft for the week with two men.

the reef. A drive taken on the reef in the tunnel 6ft for the week with two men. The reef seems to pinch out as I rise up. It seems that it is the cap of the reef where we cut it in the tunnel ; therefore I intend to open out on the leader cut in the tunnel, as it is the opinion of many that it would be well to give it a little prospecting. I will drive north and south on it, as it is on the line of No. 1 Royal Tasman reef.

Royal Standard.—The mining manager, Royal Standard Company, under date 9th, writes :—"We have come on some good stone in open cutting, quartz showing gold freely. A quantity of specimens broke out this afternoon look as well as stone crushed at Sandhurst from Royal Tasman Company's claim. The reef has also been cut at the 60ft level in No. 2 shaft, and after squaring up the drive we will break into it. I have seen a little gold in small stone on the face of it, but more will be known in a day or two."

North Extended Tasman.—Nov. 11—Tunnel extended 30ft further, making a total length of 210ft. The ground has been rather tight, but is now intermixed with quartz leaders. I expect to cut the reef in about three weeks ; have noticed on the east end of the section on the edge of a gully a blow of sugary quartz visible on the surface very much water worn.

Have seen in the Royal Standard this week stone showing gold, it is certainly very good ; believe that their reef is making in this direction. Made a start this morning to cut a trench in order to see where it leads to ; shall continue the same at intervals of a few feet.

Royal Standard.—Nov. 12—During past week the prospects of the Company have very much improved. I am getting out stone from a shaft 8ft deep, it is splendid gold-bearing stone, am also opening out at 20ft to catch the shoot of gold, the stone shows better gold as we go down. Old residents say it is the best they have seen on the Mount. No. 2 shaft—Cut reef 60ft from surface 8ft from the shaft, stone very solid ; put in only one hole, washing the borings and got a little fine gold. Water being heavy have thought it better to stop the drive. Intend to start open cutting which will drain reef as soon as it is decided to erect battery.

Golden Age.—Nov. 11—Have driven cross-cut 55ft from shaft ; the stone cut at 45ft carries gold, and appears to improve in thickness into the hill ; this will be further prospected after extending the cross-cut about 11ft. The prospects now being obtained in the Royal Standard claim will in all probability lead to prove this line of the first importance in the district, and although the reef where pros-

this line of the first importance in the district, and although the reef where prospected in our claim is comparatively small there is the chance of a strong block of stone making to the S.E. across the gully which intersects the course of the reef to the S.E. of No. 1 shaft.

Midlothian.—Nov. 11—Shaft down 24ft and timbered. The country passed through is strong blocky ground, intersected with good-looking quartz spurs; the general appearances are favourable to success.

Mount Cameron.—Nov. 11—Have commenced driving north-east at 100ft level, and have driven 7ft.

Royal Mint.—Nov. 12—Have the two dams completed. The shaft and drive are being pushed ahead; when completed shall have a constant supply of water for battery; four weeks should complete it. I have great hopes when we get fairly started, and have a little time for prospecting, that I shall be able to remove the cloud that surrounds as at present.

Fly-by-Night.—Nov. 12—Have driven the tunnel for the week 20ft, making a total distance of 140ft. Country favourable.

West Royal Tasman.—Nov. 16—During the past week the well and chamber sets have been fixed, and the well sunk 3ft below site. During progress of necessary excavation for opening chamber set, have cut a strong spur of heavy mineralised quartz, 1½ft feet thick, trending N.E. to S.W., and underlying to the S.E. Having failed with pestle, mortar and dish to find any fine gold in a sample of this stone, I do not attach any importance to its appearance beyond the fact of its being indicative of our being already in strong lode country. Next week's work will, however, enable me to determine its value more fully.

MUSSEL ROE.

East Grand Flancour.—Nov. 12—Have sunk 4ft, making total depth 20ft. I opened out at that level, and have driven 6ft; no change in the appearance of country. Water a little lighter.

Blue Bell.—Nov. 11—Everything working well. Winding gear acts first rate. Water out and man below on Monday, and we are now in 10ft north and 10ft south. Once the chamber is finished we shall be able to make better progress in the northern drive. Still one shift short.

Imperial.—Nov. 12—Have now two extra men working at the brace, and find I can make better headway by putting the large buckets on. Think I will be able to go to a depth of 70ft with windlass; the ground looks very settled and promising.

LEFROY.

Consolidated Chum.—Nov. 13—Have logged up and fixed brace, sunk and timbered—less centres—16ft; total depth

logged up and fixed brace, sunk and timbered—less centres—16ft; total depth 22ft. The country is all that can be desired, both as regards easy working, and a likelihood of a reef living in it.

United Chums.—Nov. 12—I have extended the west drive 12ft, making total distance from chamber 23ft, and east 8ft, making 25ft from chamber, carrying good gold in both faces; have also put up a rise in west end 5ft, carrying fair gold; have extended north cross-cut 5ft, and struck the footwall of reef, carrying two feet of stone showing gold. Have 20 tons of quartz in paddock. All the surface workings are progressing favourably.

Waverley.—Nov. 14—During past week shaft has been sunk 3ft, have also opened out north and south, and driven 5ft each way. Shall continue driving till I cut the reef which I hope will be soon.

Lanl o' Lakes.—Nov. 12—We drove 12ft past the stone that was cut last fortnight into solid country without meeting any further indications of stone, making total length of 46ft from shaft north. I then opened out on the lode and have driven west 15ft without any change in the appearance or quality of stone as yet.

Caledonian.—Nov. 14—The shaft has been sunk further depth of 12ft, making total of 68ft from No. 1 level, no change since last report.

Bannock.—Nov. 12—The contractors are making excellent progress, having sunk and timbered 32ft for the fortnight. The country gone through is soft black slate. The shaft is beginning to make a little water.

West Queen's Birthday.—Nov. 12—Since last report have driven a cross-cut south 14ft, and met with a hard bar of sandstone. I thought it best to discontinue this for the present and to sink further south, as I think it will be a much more easy country to prospect.

Old Chum.—Nov. 12—I am still sinking shaft, was not satisfied before with progress I was making. Had a very bad bar of slate to sink through; it was difficult blasting country until yesterday afternoon, when a nice soft slate was struck in the north end of the shaft. To all appearance quartz will be struck before next report. The depth of the hard slate bar was about 14ft. The lease was surveyed on 11th inst., and I posted notices this afternoon.

The West New Chum.—Nov. 12—There has been good progress made on sinking the main shaft since starting, the depth under No 3 level being 23ft 6in to date, and ground favourable for sinking at present. No. 3 level—The west drive is in a distance of 21½ft from cross-cut, the reef has greatly improved, and ground a little more favourable for driving; this end has been very hard for sometime. The several stopes both east and west of the

several stopes both east and west of the cross-cut are looking much the same (if any change) I think it is for the better.

East Golden Era.—Nov. 12—Have extended the cross-cut 7ft for the week; ground about the same as last reported. I mentioned a small leader carrying a little gold some time back. I have driven on the same 13ft, but as it does not improve in size or quality have discontinued, and am now pushing the main drive ahead, will continue same this week, and if I don't get something encouraging will open out a cross-cut south.

New Chum.—Nov. 12—Western level driven 12ft 6in; reef rather smaller, showing good gold. Finished driving east; left off with 18 inches stone; the

stopes continue about the same; southern prospecting drive extended 12ft; No. 3 cross-cut driven 8ft, making total 67ft, which is within 18 inches of the distance the reef was cut and the level above. Expect to have the plunger lift at work in a few days.

New Native Youth.—Nov. 12—The stone east at cross-cut north continues same as previously reported. The stone west is showing signs of thickening, water making freely from face.

West Native Youth.—Nov. 12—The shaft is down 50ft and timbered.

Golden Era.—Nov. 12—Driven north cross-cut 28ft, making a total of 299ft from shaft. Country same as last report.

Great Extended West Chum.—Nov. 12—Am driving east and west on the lode, and appearances of a change coming in.

BACK CREEK.

Try Again.—November 12—The south-west shaft has been sunk 12ft for the week, making a total depth of 34ft. I am going to open out at this depth, as the water is very heavy.

Holdfast.—Nov. 12—The cross-cut has been extended 12ft for the week, or a total distance of 28ft from the shaft. The ground has been very hard up to yesterday, when a change came on, and now I hope to be enabled to make better progress with this work.

Who Can Tell.—Nov. 12—Since last report have baled out shaft, sunk required depth for well, finished timbering up well on Saturday. In sinking, came across a vein containing much pyrites and galena, and a few specs of gold. In sinking, had a hard bar to contend with, which I thought would require blasting, but am glad to say it did not continue. Shall put on three extra men this week so as to get into reef as quickly as possible. To advance the work, must use two new buckets of larger size. Am about to open out and drive to-day. I

shall have to bale on Sunday afternoon as the water is heavier than anticipated.

Just in Time.—Nov. 14—During past week have sunk shaft further depth of 24ft, making a total of 32ft from surface. As water is commencing to make in bottom, shall open out and drive. In sinking, have had more leaders than in any of previous workings since starting, and as this is in direct compass line with All Nation's reef, I hope to be soon able to send more cheering accounts.

DENISON.

Royal Treasury.—Nov. 11—Have extended the drive about 20ft for the week. The reef is three or four feet wide, but does not show much improvement in quality. Have started a small prospecting shaft towards the creek going west. The stone carries good payable gold so far as I have gone. In this shaft I obtained stone yesterday showing gold freely. I have not got any stone in main shaft payable yet, but next week will put the drive under the prospecting shaft, where I expect to get it payable. Have about 40 tons of quartz paddocked.

PANAMA.

Hokitika.—Nov. 12—At the end of the week the tunnel was extended to a distance of 60ft. I have cut through a small leader, and should the ground continue favourable for driving I hope to cut the reef during the next week; that is, supposing the lode to continue from the Long tunnel section on the bearings originally taken by myself and Mr J. Gibson.

BEACONSFIELD.

Britania.—Nov. 12—Contractors have extended the drive 28ft during the last fortnight. The drive is turned a little to the right, so as to intersect any reef that may be discovered at right angles, i.e. supposing it to run as at the Tasmania or any other reef that has yet been found to the east. The country is as I stated in my first report, well defined, and is in my opinion the best ground that I have seen as yet in this district for lodes to exist in. Quartz leaders have been intermixed in the ground, often in the drive, but the drive has always been dry until the last few feet. At this time nearly half the water in the claim is coming from the face, in which there are many quartz leaders nearly 4in in width. Some stone I brought in to-day, and have shown the directors, has convinced them that a change is taking place. I adhere to my first report, viz., that if the Tasmania reef is found to the west outside the Tasmania claim, it will be near the northern boundary of the Britania.

Cosmopolitan.—Nov. 11—Contractors for last fortnight have extended tunnel further distance of 80ft, making total distance driven 469ft 6in. The ground in the face is about the best the contractors

distance driven 469ft 6in. The ground in the face is about the best the contractors have had for the last 200ft or 300ft, and about as promising as any we have had for a lode.

Blyth's Freehold.—Nov. 14—I have driven about 8ft since last Tuesday. The country is hard; am making as fast as I can to the old workings.

Leviathan.—Nov. 12—I have to report the tunnel extended a further distance of 43ft for the fortnight, making a total of 463ft from opening. The country continues very favourable for working, being small bars of soft slate and sandstone with thin seams of black pug, and should not be surprised to see more quartz making any moment.

Tasmania.—Nov. 11—The directors have decided to put down the Golden Gate shaft 12in lifts, and they are now on the ground. They were cast in Launceston at Salisbury's foundry, and they are now preparing ready for them on the claim, and they also intend to have a separate engine for pumping, and have ordered an additional boiler from Melbourne. With these appliances they will be enabled to deal with considerably more water. They have also driven an adit from the lower tunnel to the Gate shaft, and the water will only be raised to this height.

Kohinoor.—Nov. 12—The contractors have cut down shaft 47ft, and timbered: total, 63ft.

Lefroy.—Nov. 12—Contractors sunk last week 11ft. They have extraordinarily good ground for sinking and standing. The shaft is now 147ft from surface.

Little Wonder.—Nov. 12—The Eureka portion of this claim timbered; let on tribute to Mr M'Donald.

SALISBURY.

Royal Exchange.—Nov. 14—I have driven the tunnel 20ft for the week, making a total distance of 180ft from the mouth; the country has changed very little since my last report. I have cut two leaders this week. I intend continuing the tunnel for the week, and then cross-cut, as I will be up in a line with the shaft, only bearing about 20ft south. I expect to see a grand change in the tunnel before the end of the week.