

GOLD.

The Tasmania Company (Beaconsfield) have declared another dividend, the 37th, of 2s per 30,000th share, payable to-day. The total amount of this dividend is £3000, and the tax payable on it is £112 10s. The Company have now declared in 37 dividends a total of £151,250, equal to £50 5s per share on the old issue, and to 9s per share since the capital was increased.

We learn that Whelan and Carey's party have taken up some ground on the eastern side of Cabbage Tree Hill, and not far from the old Three Star claim. They have met with excellent prospects, and are so confident of success that they have commenced a tunnel which will pass under Bruen's water race, and will give them a good height of backs. This party is about amalgamating with three adjoining sections, and the whole will be formed into one large company; the amalgamated claims will then commence at the Olive Branch Company's boundary, and will stretch towards Brandy Creek for a considerable distance. The area of the Company's ground is between 30 and 40 acres, and stone showing gold freely has already been found on this ground.

Notice is given that unless the third call of 6d, due on certain shares in the Blue Bell Company, is paid on or before Saturday, the 12th inst., they will be liable to forfeiture. A call (the fifth) of 6d has been made on all shares in the Company, payable on the 8th inst.

A special meeting of shareholders in the Moonlight Company was held at the office of Mr T. H. Urquhart last evening, J. Powell, Esq., being in the chair. After some discussion, it was resolved that a committee should be formed to carry out the future operations of the Company, and that action be taken immediately.

Mining managers reports as under :—

BEACONSFIELD.

Prince Consort—Oct. 29—I have sunk about 4ft on the reef during the week, the total depth of shaft being 17ft. The stone is of about the same quality, and about 2ft thick. I can obtain a little fine gold by crushing. I hope soon to be able to give you a better report when I get down a few feet more. I shall start on Monday to put a cross drive on west side of tunnel to test the No. 2 reef.

The Leviathan—Oct. 31—Since accepting tenders for a fresh contract of 200ft, the contractors have driven 20ft, making a total distance of 420ft from the opening. The country we are now in is sandstone, and several small leaders making in the face, the first I have seen for the last 25ft.

Blue Tier Tunnelling—Oct. 31—In the No. 1 tunnel I have driven 20ft for the week, making the total length of the

No. 1 tunnel I have driven 20ft for the week, making the total length of the tunnel 97ft. In the No. 2 tunnel I have driven 27ft for the week, making the total length of this tunnel 118ft. I have called for tenders as directed for tunnels and for timber.

Little Gem—Oct. 29—I have to report that the contractors have sunk 8ft for the week, making the total depth of shaft 55ft. The country is still favourable for a reef, and to-day I cut a small leader of nice-looking stone.

Kelly and Aulich's (Excelsior)—Oct. 31—Prospects here continue good. In No. 2 shaft a new run of stone, appearing to bear north and south, was prospected on Saturday, and some dishfuls of dirt gave first-class results, the gold being coarse. There were some excellent specimens of gold in the stone. In the tunnel 2ft of stone carrying a little gold has been struck, but this is not considered to be the main reef, the position of it having been miscalculated. Judging from dish prospects this line of reef ought to yield at the rate of from 1oz to 1½oz to the ton. Where the good prospects have been obtained in No. 2 shaft is only 9ft or 10ft from the surface, the cap of the reef being about 4ft from the surface. The reef here is from 3ft to 4ft wide. The claim is well situated as regards water, being near the creek, and there is an excellent site for a battery close to the workings.

Kohinoor—Oct. 31—I have cut the shaft down and timbered it 16ft.

GLADSTONE.

Deakford—Oct. 29—I have been below and find we have crossed a strong leader of quartz, about 9in wide, running east and west. I will try some of the quartz.

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Exhibition—Oct. 29—Since my last week's report I have driven the tunnel a distance of 11ft. The country is still very hard, and the water is coming in freely in the face of the drive.

LEFROY.

West Calder—Oct. 29—Sinking has been going on all the week, a depth of 19ft having been reached since starting, and leaders have been cut about every foot, one some 13ft from the starting-point, 3in wide, and widened out to 9in. A nice show of gold was obtained by crushing. It may make into a large body of stone as it goes down, all the small leaders running into it. If fine weather continues water will probably be struck about the end of next week. The shaft is now sunk 53ft.

South-West Chum—Oct. 30—I started the new south shaft 12ft from the west boundary and 50ft from the south. I got on the low ground, so that if we can strike the leader we shall have about 80ft back by sinking 25ft. I am down 12ft

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Windermere.—Oct. 29 — During the week the driving has been very hard in a sandstone country, very strong and tough for blasting, so that progress has been slow. I expect to get a change of country in a few feet more, as some small slate has shown up in the face of the level. I have extended the level a further distance of 5ft during the week, making the total distance from the shaft 34ft 6in. I shall have to drive 8ft to 12ft more before intersecting the reef. The difference in the distance depends on the underlay the reef has from No. 1 level to the level I am now driving.

SALISBURY.

Victoria.—Oct. 31—The cross-cut from the tunnel is extended 15ft, making a total of 40ft. There is still quartz in the face and water making from it. I have extended the drive east 6ft. It is still carrying pyrites, and I have extended the west drive 10ft. I am in a nice-looking country, carrying gold and galena. I have driven north 10ft on some leaders carrying gold. The country is more settled here.

Gem.—Oct. 31—I have driven for the week 5ft. The ground is the same as last reported, being mixed with quartz leaders. The tunnel is now in a total distance of 98ft. I hope to be able to report a change for the better shortly.

MUSSEL ROE.

Imperial.—Oct. 29—I commenced work on the 18th inst. with one shift of men getting timber for logging up, etc., and also for building a blacksmith's shop and hut for the men. On Monday, the 24th inst., I commenced sinking the main shaft with two shifts, and have sunk and slabbed up to the depth of 14ft. The size of the shaft is 11ft 6in by 4ft. I struck a small leader this evening carrying gold. I have at present only two shifts on, but would advise the putting on of another shift.