

GOLD.

Notice is given that all shares in the North Extended Tasman Company, on which the second call remains unpaid fourteen days from date, will be liable to forfeiture.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the Pactolus Company will be held at the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday, 8th December. The business will be the consideration of the increase, alteration, or readjustment of the capital by such amount and in such a manner as may be agreed upon, also in view of the difference of opinion existing upon the question to consider and decide upon the advisability or otherwise of paying per centage on increased capital or of re-registering the Company under the Mining Companies Limited Liability Act only.

Mining managers and others report as under :—

GLADSTONE.

Royal Tasman.—Nov. 19—In the No. 2 reef little has been done on account of having to take men off for No. 1. No. 1 reef has been driven north 6ft—total, 52ft, 6ft wide. The south level averages in width 3ft and holes into Mr Chaffey's shaft—total, 110ft. The stopes average in width 6ft. No. 2 tunnel 5ft; holes into the winze.

North Mint.—Nov. 19—I have driven 6ft through strong country. The well has dried the country, so that I can powder instead of dynamite. After we get away from the shaft, I hope in a short time to report cutting the lode, as the appearance at present shows that it will be a strong one when we cut it.

Progress.—Nov. 19—I have driven 6ft for the week through very favourable country for the reef. A large quantity of water is coming from the face, most likely from the lode, although not very near it as yet.

West Royal Tasman.—Nov. 18—The number of hands have been reduced to six. During the week put down the well to the required depth, namely, 8ft; 70ft of ladders have also been constructed and fixed, thereby completing the ladderway in the working shaft. The eastern cross-cut has been driven 8ft, and the excavation of the chamber is nearly completed. The quartz spur mentioned in my last report has determined itself into a seam with decomposed schist and quartz rubble, trending in the same direction as that already written upon. There is not any further change in the country passed through.

Golden Age.—Nov. 19.—Cross-cut from new shaft is run in 67ft. During the coming week I will open out on lodes met with at 24ft and 45ft from the shaft. I am raising stone from the No. 1 shaft which is promising in appearance and gold-

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Midlothian.—Nov. 19.—The shaft is down 35ft. in good quartz country.

Mount Cameron.—Nov. 19.—I have driven N.E. from the shaft 23ft. The country is favourable.

North Tasman.—Nov. 18—I have opened out north and south on the leader cut in tunnel.

Royal Standard.—Nov. 18—We have now opened out 28ft along the line of reef to the depth of 11ft, every shot showing gold, and well distributed through the stone. The No. 1 shaft is sunk on the underlay at 30ft from the surface. We have stripped stone for 18ft in length, and fired one shot, from which I got several specimens of gold showing well in the solid stone. When I get time I shall try it at a greater depth. I have sent some stone per steamer, which you will see shows gold well, and also free gold from one dish of stone broken down.

North Extended Tasman.—The tunnel has now been extended a further distance of 20ft, and the country is now softer, and in my opinion we are not far from the reef. I am still working on the block of quartz that I advised about last letter.

Royal Mint.—Nov. 18—The shaft has been sunk the required depth, and the slabbing will be completed to-day, when I will commence driving to the creek. I will have 23ft to drive.

Fly-by-Night.—Nov. 19—I have driven the tunnel 23ft for the week, in very good driving ground of soft slate formation. I have passed through several quartz leaders, nice-looking stone, carrying minerals. Am now getting well in towards the supposed line of the Royal Tasman reef.

MUSSEL ROE.

Imperial.—Nov. 19—I am still sinking with two shifts, and have gone down 10ft during the week and timbered up, making a total of 46ft. The shaft is covered in, and we are in good working order. The ground is harder than last week, but operations can be carried on without blasting.

Blue Bell.—Nov. 18—I have driven for the week 10ft north and 8ft south, total distance 20ft north and 16ft south. There is no alteration in the drives report, and the water is about the same.

Grand Flaneur.—Nov. 19—Since my last report I have driven 28ft, making a total of 103ft from the shaft. I am now in hard sandstone country, full of quartz leaders, varying in width from 2in to 6in. I am continually hand-crushing, but have got no gold in the drive so far, although I got a colour on a trench on the surface.

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Cale Ionian.—Nov. 19—Since my last report the shaft has been sunk a further depth of 10ft 6in, making a total of 70ft 6in from No. 1. We have gone through several leaders of quartz, all carrying minerals. The ground is getting a little harder.

Waverley.—Nov. 19—The north drive has been extended for the week 6ft, with no change. The south drive has been extended 6ft, and we have gone through some fine looking quartz, and appear to be carrying a regular wall. I am not sure whether it is the lode or not. I shall continue the cross cut further south to prove it. It will be necessary to sink a little deeper for a well, as the water is increasing.

New Chum.—Nov. 19—For the week I have driven the western level 10ft.

The reef is 12in wide, and the stone in stopes continues the same as last reported. The prospecting drive has been extended 12ft. I have the plunger completed and it is working well. Being engaged with the plunger I have not driven the cross-cut for No. 3 level this week.

New Native Youth.—Nov. 20—There is no change in the north or east drive. I will rise on the eastern stone in the western face. There is more stone making and the country is getting softer. I think the mullock between the stone will soon cut out.

Great Extended West Chum.—Nov. 21—The west drive is in 72ft from the cross-cut and the country is softer, and there is a fresh make of stone coming in. I have not seen any gold in it yet, but it contains a quantity of mineral. I will start a cross-cut north.

Consolidated Chum.—Nov. 21—The shaft has been sunk a further depth of 20ft, total depth 42ft.

The Dan O Connell.—Nov. 19—I commenced driving from the No. 2 shaft east, and have driven 24ft during the week along the course of the reef. The appearance of the stone in the drive is getting both wider and more solid than it has been, and I hope to meet with payable stone before long.

Windermere.—Nov. 21—I am happy to inform you that I have cut the reef at a distance of 53ft 8in from the shaft, this agrees with the measurement I gave in my last report. As it was late in the afternoon shift when the reef was cut, I could only obtain a small sample of stone, from which I got gold and gold-bearing pyrites. Having been pushing on with the drive hoping to cut the reef, I have not carried it out the ordinary size, and it will take a couple of shifts before I shall have the drive squared up and the reef

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East Golden Era.—Nov. 21—The north cross-cut is in 142ft, and as I have cut nothing payable I consider it judicious to discontinue that drive and open out south which I will do at once. I will push this drive ahead as fast as possible.

West New Chum.—Nov. 21—The western drive has been extended 10ft for the week, making a total distance from the cross-cut of 221ft. The reef is 2ft 6in wide, with a foot of solid stone. The stopes in the back of this level are looking very well, both east and west of the cross-cut. The main shaft is down 29ft 6in under No. 3 and timbered, making 6ft sunk for the week. The stopes in the back of No. 2 level are still productive. The machinery is all working well.

Old Chum.—Nov. 19—Good progress has been made in sinking the shaft this week. On Thursday, the 19th inst., a body of quartz was struck in the north end of the shaft. It is about 18in in the north and 6in in the south end of the shaft. No gold is observable in it as yet. There are some small leaders besides. There is every probability of more quartz being cut before long. I will be down nearly 60ft by the end of next week.

West Native Youth.—Nov. 17—The shaft is down and timbered 65ft from the surface.

United Chums.—Nov. 19—The mine still continues to look well. I have about 60 tons quartz in the paddock, and all the surface operations are progressing favourably. About 10 tons of machinery was delivered on the claim during the week.

BACK CREEK.

Just in Time.—Nov. 19—I have driven 13ft north from the shaft for the week, and have had some very nice leaders. There is a change of country in the face, more quartz than I have seen at any other time being visible.

Holdfast.—Nov. 19—In the western shaft the north cross-cut has been extended 12ft for the week, making the total distance from the shaft 40ft. The ground is still hard, but I expect a change soon.

Try Again.—Nov. 19—In the south-west shaft I have opened out to the south and driven 19ft. We have crossed a body of quartz 8ft thick, running east and west. I have tried it very carefully with the mortar and dish, and have not found any gold in it.

BEACONSFIELD.

Lefroy.—Nov. 19—The contractors have sunk 28ft for the fortnight, and the shaft is now down 164ft from the surface.

Kohinoor.—Nov. 19—The contractors have cut the shaft down 14ft for the week,

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Florence Nightingale.—Nov. 21.—Up to Saturday evening I had sunk 18 inches, the present depth being 45ft from No. 2 level. Yesterday afternoon the strapping plates broke off the rods of the draw lift, by which means they became disconnected. I will keep the water down to No. 2 level with the plunger while we repair the straps.

Leviathan.—Nov. 19.—The contractors have driven for the week 47ft, making the total distance 510ft from the opening. A change of ground is coming in the face, being more of a black colour but still sandstone, with leaders underlaying to the hill. A little more water is making, but principally under foot.

Blyth's Freehold.—Nov. 19.—We have driven 18ft since we started on the 8th inst. The distance from turning drive is 63ft.

Olive Branch.—Nov. 21.—Since my last report I have been engaged opening the tunnel, which has been driven and timbered close up to the face, a distance of about 14ft.

DENISON.

Royal Treasury.—Nov. 19.—I have entered the level 25ft during the week. The reef carries a little gold. I have sunk the No. 2 shaft 25ft and cut the reef six inches wide, showing gold.