

MINING NEWS.**GOLD.**

A call (the twelfth) of 1s per share has been made in the Queen Co., payable on 1st December. The third half-yearly meeting of this Company will be held at the office of Mr J. Sinclair on 30th inst., at 7.30 p.m., to receive the usual reports and balance-sheets, etc.

A call (the fourth) of 3d per share has been made in the Britannia Co., payable on 10th December.

Tenders are invited for sinking a shaft on the Victory claim, Lefroy, 100ft.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the Hokitika Company is called for 8 p.m. to-day, at the Criterion Hotel, to consider a proposed alteration in the rules.

A meeting of the Pride of Lefroy Company will be held at the Temperance Hotel, Lefroy, at 7 p.m. to-day, for the election of officers, etc.

LEFROY.

South West Chum.—Nov. 19th—Since my last report I have driven the cross-cut north 15ft, making 36ft from the shaft. I have cut several small leaders, which indicate there is something more favourable not far off. Owing to the air being bad I thought it advisable to sink another shaft, which will give us air to drive a long distance.

The Brother Scots.—Nov. 19—During the week I have driven 12ft from the shaft, near the southern boundary. The country I am now in is a slate formation and I have cut two very nice leaders carrying a lot of mineral. From the present appearance I believe I shall soon come across a large body of stone.

BEACONSFIELD.

Kara Kara.—November 21—During the past week I have extended the cross-cut a further distance of 25ft, the total distance from the shaft is now 40ft. There is no change in the country.

The Prince Consort.—November 19—I am now at a depth of 29ft with the shaft. There is a change in the country as it is becoming easier to work. The cross drive is now about 12ft in, and the last 7 feet has been principally through quartz leaders.

Cosmopolitan.—Nov. 21—Nothing fresh to report. The ground in the tunnel continues good for driving, and the contractor are making good progress and we hope soon to come on something in the shape of a payable reef.

Ilfacombe.—Nov. 21—I have driven 11ft for the week making the total distance driven 72 ft. There is a little water coming from the face, and the ground is much softer. Quartz leaders are frequently met with.

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Who Can Tell.—November 21—I have nearly completed the chamber. In cutting the chamber I came across a leader carrying a little more gold than the one I mentioned in my last report. I still adhere to my opinion that we shall shortly cut a payable reef.

Blue Tier Tunnelling.—Nov. 21—The contractors began work on the 14th inst. In No. 1 tunnel they have driven 12ft, making the total length of the tunnel 138ft. In No 2 tunnel the contractors have driven 26ft, making the total length 184ft. In the latter tunnel a small quartz leader was cut underlying south, or across the strata. The country in both tunnels has got much softer.

SALISBURY.

Royal Exchange.—Nov. 21—I have driven the tunnel 22ft for the week, making a total distance of 202ft. The stone I spoke of in my last report has widened out to 18in, and is very nice looking stone, similar to what I had on the shaft, and I believe it is the same stone. The country is still soft and broken, but appears to be getting more settled.

Gem.—Nov. 21—I have driven 4ft for the week, total distance of tunnel 112ft. The ground is the same as last reported with a little water coming from the face.

GOLCONDA.

Exhibition.—Nov. 19—During the week I have extended the south level a distance of 17ft. The lode continues about the same thickness, and prospects I have tried this week are improving, more gold being obtainable by crushing, and the country is softer.

BACK CREEK.

All Nations.—Nov. 18—We are still driving west on the course of the reef. There is a good body of quartz in the face carrying a great quantity of minerals of various kinds, excepting that for which we are seeking. I trust soon to have the pleasure to report having struck good gold.