

GOLD.

Mr Henry Hollington notifies that if all transfers of his are not lodged by the 14th December, they will not be recognised. Mr H. J. Dean notifies the same in connection with the West Tasman Gold Mining Co.

The prospectus of the Excelsior Co. is published in another column. The Company is being formed to work two 10-acre sections at Beaconsfield, formerly known as the Three Star claim, on which a very promising reef has been traced for over 300ft in length, by exposing it in five different places on the surface. It is stated to be well situated for water, so that a battery can be worked within a very short distance of the reef. The report of Mr George Webb, mining manager of the Florence Nightingale claim on the sections is published with the prospectus. It is proposed to form a company of 24,000 shares, 12,000 of which are offered to the public in 60 promoters shares at £30 each payable on easy terms. Of the proceeds £600 will be placed to the credit of the Company.

A call (the fourth) of 3d per share has been made in connection with the South Mint Company.

A call (the second) of 3d per share has been made on all shares held in the Prince Consort Company.

Mining managers report as under :—

LEPROY.

Old Chum.—Nov. 26—The shaft was nearly 60ft deep yesterday. I cut another small leader about 3in thick, but I cannot find any gold in it. I have come on to hard slate again, and have stopped sinking here for the present. I shall commence on Monday to sink a shaft nearer the south-west peg. I think the surface here is from 40ft to 50ft lower down than where I have been working. The low-lying ground is far more likely to obtain gold than the ranges are. The stone I cut in the old shaft is not gold-bearing. I want to get in a softer country and a different kind of quartz. I intend to sink a shaft about 20ft or 30ft and then drive each way to see what I can get. I have pegged off another block west and adjoining your lease.

United Chums.—Nov. 26—Since my last report I have extended the west drive to a further distance of 12ft. The total distance driven west from the chamber is 46ft. Fair gold is showing in the end of the drive. I have commenced stoping in the west end and the stone looks very well. I have a quantity of bricks and stone for the engine bed, and all the surface works on the claim are being pushed ahead.

New Chum.—Nov. 26—I have extended the western level 11ft for the week. The stone in stopes and level carries fair gold. The No. 3 cross-cut is in from shaft 75ft.

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Great Extended West Chum.—Nov.

28—I have driven 83ft on the lode west.

The stone is making from under foot and

is splendid looking, being full of galena.

I have not yet got any gold.

Golden Era.—Nov. 27—I have now

driven the north cross-cut 32ft for the

week. The ground is getting harder. I

have commenced sinking a winze in the

180ft level. The reef is one foot wide

showing fair gold.

East Golden Era.—Nov. 27—I opened

out the shaft south on Monday, and for

the week ending November 26th I have

driven 14ft, the country is a decided im-

provement on anything I have gone

through north, being intersected with

numerous quartz leaders and bands of

slate and sandstone.

Bannock.—Nov. 28—The contractors

are at present passing through hard slate

country. They have about 16ft further

to sink to complete their contract and ex-

pect to finish in about nine days.

Ellangowan.—Nov. 28—The prospect-

ing shaft has been sunk during the week

6ft, making a total of 31ft. The ground

has been very tight. It is now getting

down into the blue country, and the for-

mation looks well for a reef. I intend

sinking 40ft before opening out.

Waverley.—Nov. 28—I have sunk the

shaft a little deeper for a well, and driven

south 5ft further, making 15ft 6in from

shaft. We have gone through some nice-

looking quartz, and I am still continuing

the cross-cut, as we have quartz in the

face now. The north drive has changed

in the last day or so. It has been very

dry, but making a little water. I intend

to continue it a little further, as I think

there are indications of quartz being near.

Consolidated Chum.—Nov. 28—I have

timbered 20ft, and sunk a further depth

of 10ft. The total depth of the shaft is

52ft.

West Queen's Birthday.—Nov. 26—

Since my last report I have driven the

cross cut south 20ft, making a total of

26ft from the shaft. I am still in a slate

formation, intermixed with quartz

leaders, which has every indication of a

reef being not far away.

BACK CREEK.

Holdfast.—Nov. 26—The north cross-

cut has been extended 12ft for the week,

making a total distance of 52ft from the

shaft. I passed through three nice-

looking leaders about 6in apart, carrying

a little gold, and have obtained several

prospects by crushing in the mortar. I

intend driving on them east and west

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Try Again.—Nov. 26—The south cross-cut in the south-west shaft has been extended 25ft for the week, making a total distance of 42ft from the shaft. There is no change in the country.

All Nations.—Nov. 26—I have extended the drive to the western boundary with no better result, and I set the men to drive easterly on the course of the reef. We have a good sized body of quartz going east. Last evening I came on a large body of water in the new drive. This would seem to indicate a large body of quartz ahead, and the gold may be to the east of our cross-cut, and therefore I think it advisable to prospect the ground further in this direction.

BEACONSFIELD.

The Leviathan.—Nov. 26—The contractors have driven 36ft for the week, making a total of 546ft from the opening. We are still passing through a soft sandstone country, with an occasional thin seam of slate and a few small leaders showing in the face. The water continues about the same as last reported.

Rising Sun.—Nov. 28—The contractors have driven 12ft for the week. The leader, in spite of the hardness of the country, holds its course, and is again widening a little. I have every hope that we shall carry this leader with us into the main lode, and should we meet with any soft country, I have no doubt that it will open out to a considerable width.

Star of Beaconsfield.—Nov. 25—The contractor has driven 3ft 9in for the week. Three shifts having been lost by two men leaving. The country passed through consisted of clean cabbage tree stone of two kinds, grey and blue, the latter predominating. The distance travelled being short I cannot speak of anything new having been exposed to view.

Olive Branch.—Nov. 26—During the week the contractors have driven and timbered the tunnel a distance of 26ft in easy ground. The total distance from the entrance is 40ft.

Kohinoor.—Nov. 26—The contractors have cut down the shaft 22ft for the fortnight, making a total of 85ft.

Lefroy.—Nov. 26—The present depth of the shaft is 184ft from the surface, in splendid ground for sinking, and no increase of water.

Florence Nightingale.—Nov. 28—I have sunk 2ft 6in, present depth 47ft 6in from the No. 2 level. The water is not increasing in the shaft, and all the machinery is working well. The mining manager wired later that the water was increasing.

Britannia.—Nov. 26—The drive has been extended 12ft this fortnight, and is now 66ft from the shaft. The ground continues the same, namely, blue slate.

now cut from the shaft. The ground continues the same, namely, blue slate, but very close grained, and bad for working. The best reef in Beaconsfield has had harder ground near it than has been seen in the claim as yet, and not as far below the surface.

Cosmopolitan.—Nov. 25—I have driven 68½ft for the fortnight, total 538ft. The country is much harder than last reported.

SALISBURY.

Who Can Tell.—Nov. 28—Since my last report I have driven 30ft from the chamber, and have passed through a body of quartz and pug about 5ft wide, carrying much pyrites and a little gold. I am pushing on the drive with all possible speed to cut the lode we have in the prospecting shaft.

Blue Tier Tunnelling.—Nov. 28—The contractors in the No. 1 tunnel have driven 18ft for the week, making the total length of the tunnel 156ft. The total length of the No. 2 tunnel is 200ft, the contractors having driven 25ft for the week. In the latter tunnel the country has got a little harder for the last 2ft or 3ft, the driving previously having been very soft. The country in the No. 1 tunnel has not changed much since my last report. We meet with small quartz leaders in both tunnels.

GLADSTONE.

Fly-by-Night.—Nov. 26—I have driven the tunnel 19ft for the week, making a total of 182ft. The country looks very promising. I have passed through a leader about a foot wide, full of mineral. I have not cut anything regular.

Royal Mint.—Nov. 26—The water drives have been extended 36ft, making a total distance of 67ft. The plunger pump will be completed by Salisbury, and sent down next trip of the Avon.

North Mint.—Nov. 25—I have driven 14ft, making a total of 20ft from the opening on east. The country is slightly easier, and lies at a better angle for shooting. As I expected, I find that as I get away from the shaft the ground does not require timber. The water is increasing, but I attribute this to the recent wet weather.

Progress.—Nov. 25—I have made good progress with the drive this week, and I am now 21ft from the shaft, and I think about the same distance from the lode. The water is very heavy.

North Tasman.—Nov. 25—I have driven 17ft for the week south of the tunnel, and 14ft north on the leader cut in the tunnel, which is making larger towards the north, and is still very much charged with minerals and very rich in tin. I forwarded you a sample of the stone per Avon, and I have no doubt we will get a rich tin lode by sinking. I am opening on a second leader nearer the

will get a rich tin lode by sinking. I am opening on a second leader nearer the mouth of the tunnel, which seems to make a very well-defined reef, but I have not discovered any gold. But it is charged with pyrites the same as the Royal Tasman. I will be able to give more information in my next.

Royal Tasman.—Nov. 26—In the No. 2 tunnel the No. 1 reef is 3ft in width with good walls. The No. 1 tunnel in the south level is extended 5ft, total 57ft. The reef is 4ft wide, and the stopes here are 4ft. The south stopes average in width 6ft; No. 2 reef stopes 2ft 6in wide and of a fair quality.

North Extended Tasman.—Nov. 25—The tunnel has been driven a further distance of 43ft, making total length of 253ft. The ground is fair for driving, and I expect to cut the reef in another week.

Middlethian.—Nov. 25—I have to report the depth of the shaft to be 43ft and timbered to 40ft. I have passed through some good-looking quartz, which has gone out of the shaft to the S.W. at 40ft.

Mount Cameron.—Nov. 25—I have to

good progress sinking the shaft. I have sunk 10ft for the week, making a total of 56ft from the surface. I will soon have to put on another shift of men.

DENISON.

Royal Treasury.—Nov. 25—Since my last report I have extended the drive in the main shaft a further distance of 12½ft, making a total distance from the shaft of 90ft. The reef is 18in thick and about 50 tons of stone are in the paddock.

report the N.E. drive to be 33ft from the shaft. There is some change in the country, and water is making more freely in the face.

Golden Age.—Nov. 25—In the No. 1 shaft I have broken out 13ft in depth of the reef. It is now 5ft wide and much improved in quality, sufficiently so to give good hopes of it being payable in a few feet more. The great improvement in this stone has induced me to continue with this work. In the No. 2 shaft I have driven an angle drive 7ft to the north from the end of the cross-cut. At the 36ft level I cut the stone 3ft from the cross-cut. I am now opening on the lode I cut 45ft from the shaft in the 76ft level, from which I have obtained prospects.

West Royal Tasman.—Nov. 25—During the week, with two shifts, the eastern chamber plate has been completed and timbered. The cross cut has been put in to a distance of 13ft without any occurrence worthy of special mention beyond the fact of our having an increased flow of water, and my being necessitated to again employ three shifts of men.

MUSSEL ROE.

Blue Bell.—Nov. 25—I have driven for the week 10ft south and 8ft north, making a total distance from the shaft of 28ft north and 26ft south. The engine and pump are working well.

East Grand Flaneur.—Nov. 26—I have driven 16ft through hard sandstone, and I shall continue this drive 20ft.

Imperial.—Nov. 26—I am still making good progress sinking the shaft. I have sunk 10ft for the week, making a total of