

## MINING NEWS.

### GOLD.

We understand that Mr Payn has resigned the position of mining manager of the Royal Tasman Company, and the directors have appointed the battery manager, Mr Rowe, battery and mining manager. It is the intention of the directors to have their battery altered and improved, the present boxes having been condemned by the late mining manager.

Mr Edward Hardy, mining manager of the Royal Standard Company, arrived from Gladstone by the Avon on Monday evening, bringing with him 3ozs of gold, being the result of 10 tons quartz crushed at the Royal Tasman Company's battery; also, a parcel of pyrites highly impregnated with amalgam, which shows the faulty nature of the battery. Mr Hardy assures the shareholders that if the battery had been in a proper condition the yield would have been very much better, and the directors intend to get, if possible, 100 tons crushed in the beginning of the year, after the battery has been overhauled and put in proper order, so they may have a fair trial crushing, the stone being already to grass for that purpose.

Our Carrick correspondent, writing on 13th inst. says:—During a recent visit to Beaconsfield I was much struck with the similarity of the surface indications. The Carrick district and this was also noticed by Mr Davies, the manager of the Tasmanian mine, when on a visit here. It should certainly induce a trial, especially as gold was found here some time since.

A call (the 16th) of 2d per share has been made in connection with the Nine-Mile Springs Miner's Prospecting Association.

The adjourned meeting of shareholders in the Florence Nightingale Company will be held at the office of Mr R. H. Price, the manager, this evening, commencing at 8 p.m., when the question of adopting a certain agreement to be then submitted for the purpose of the Drainage Union at Beaconsfield will be considered.

Mining managers report as under:—

#### BEACONSFIELD.

*Leviathan.*—Dec. 13—I have to report the last contract of 200ft has been completed, making a total of 600ft from opening. I am happy to say that better ground is showing in the face than any we have passed through yet both for working and with the likelihood of cutting stone soon. The country showing in the face at present is a soft black shingly stuff intermixed with a lot of broken quartz, have cut 18in into the end of the tunnel, but have not yet tried it. Yesterday Mr F. Cobham, the manager, received

day Mr F. Cobham, the manager, received the following telegram from the mining manager:—"Just washed a good prospect from the face of the Leviathan; 6 grains to the dish. Prospect forwarded to-morrow."

*Pactolus.*—Have extended tunnel a further distance of 12ft, through hard country. Have now got a change, nice clean black slate with quartz leaders and water coming in, very favourable country for a lode to exist in.

#### LEFROY.

*New Cham.*—Dec. 13—The reef at the No. 3 level is improving daily.

*Pinafore.*—Dec. 5—During the week the cross-cut had been extended 23ft, making a total of 303ft. They had passed through several small leaders, and on Saturday morning came on a strong slide, and while preparing for timber, the whole face broke out with a great rush of water, showing broken ground and quartz. It would take three or four shifts to timber the drive before they could tell what the quartz was like, as the ground was troublesome, and there was as much water as they could keep with the whim.—*Mercury.*

*Band of Hope.*—Dec. 10—Since last report had sunk and timbered the shaft to a further depth of 14ft, making a total from surface of 55ft. He had also fixed the frame at a depth of 59ft. The water had been very troublesome, but he thought the increase was mostly from the late heavy rains. He had about 500 gallons of water per hour. The channel of country he was in is of slate formation, intermixed with a mass of small vertical leaders.—*Mercury.*

#### MANGANA.

*Alpine.*—Dec. 10—I have broken up and put into a winze ready for trucking out, about 50 tons of the stone found lying on the surface at the top of the hill and will start to crush next week. There are over 100 tons of it, and if I find it payable I will get out a large crushing.