

## GOLD.

A correspondent informs us by telegram from Lefroy that information had arrived there also by telegram that the Ottago Prospecting Association had discovered a highly promising quartz lode, and that a prospecting area had been secured for the association. The public had already marked out some three miles on the line of reef.

It is notified that the transfer register in the West Chum Company will be closed until the 24th inst.

A list of seven leases, amongst which is the Grand Flaneur Company, in the Mussel Roe district, which have been forfeited for non-payment of lease fees and stamp duty, is published in the *Gazette*. Amongst the new applications for lease are three for the Dundee claim at Beaconsfield, recently forfeited for non-payment of lease fees, and an application for the East Pactolus Company's claim, Salisbury.

Mining managers report as under :—

### LEFROY.

*West New Chum.*—Dec. 20—The total result of the crushing is as follows :—Amalgam from boxes, 2128oz ; ditto from plates and ripples, 3272oz ; total, 5400oz. The gold will be retorted to-night, and brought to town on Wednesday.

*Brother Scots.*—Dec. 19—On Friday when driving north I came upon a run of wash about 12ft from the surface, from which I obtained some loose gold. As I have not time to properly test it, I cannot give you any particulars.

*United Chum Extended.*—Dec. 16—Since my last report we have sunk and slabbed 15ft, making a total depth from the surface of 68ft. The country gone through has been pretty hard, with some quartz leaders, and making a little water, but nothing to hurt as yet. It is increasing as we get deeper, and I will have to put on three men a shift after the new year, if not sooner.