

GOLD.

A meeting of shareholders in Lamond's lease, North Mount Cameron, will be held at the office of Mr H. Turner on Monday next.

Purchasers of promoters' shares in the West Royal Tasman Co. are notified that the second and third payments are still unpaid, and to prevent mistakes they are requested before purchasing to see that the amounts are paid or arranged for.

Messrs Jas. Coulter, F. Corrie, and J. Dee left town for Nine-Mile Springs yesterday to be present at the cleaning up from a crushing at the West New Chum Company's mine, and a telegram received last evening by the manager (Mr Alex. Corrie), dated 6.30 p.m., stated that 3225oz amalgam had been placed in the retorts. The result will not therefore be known till to-morrow, but from the weekly reports we can give a pretty close estimate of the probable returns. It appears that the crushing commenced with 15-head on the 4th January, and up to yesterday about 761 tons of stone had been put through. From the plates and ripples 1692 ounces amalgam were obtained, and from the boxes 1533 ounces, making a total of 3225 ounces, which, judging by the average of previous crushings at the Springs, should yield at least 1200 ounces gold. It is possible the return may be rather more, but in any case the shareholders will see a cake worth close upon £5000.

NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

South West Chum.—Mr Kitto, who is supervising the sinking a main shaft for the Company, reports on 9th inst. :—During the week good progress has been made, the shaft having been sunk 40ft for the fortnight, making a total depth of 74ft. The ground passed through has been the same as last reported—a soft slate. I would advise the shaft to be sunk a further depth of 50ft, after the contract is finished, before opening out.

BLUE TIER.

Victoria.—The mining manager writes under date the 10th inst. :—The tunnel is in 390ft. Since last report have driven 21ft in which we have cut several quartz leaders; in the last 5ft there has been a little water coming out of the face. We should cut the reef that was cut in the Gladstone tunnel in about 30ft more. I am making good progress with clearing the battery site." At a meeting of directors held last evening, it was decided to accept the tender of Mr F. G. Hicks for the erection of the battery, housing, etc., at the claim.

GOLCONDA.

Exhibition.—The contractors for sinking the shaft on the reef have sunk the 50ft contracted for, and the local direc-

50ft contracted for, and the local directors report on same under date 8th inst. :—The work of sinking underlay shaft has been completed in a highly satisfactory manner. The stone obtained (about 14 tons) has been paddocked. From the surface to about 30ft the reef was very irregular, but from there to the bottom it gradually became more defined, and at 45ft commenced to make wider, and with every appearance of continuing to widen and improve in quality; the gold being much coarser, and the stone considerably richer than near the surface. We would recommend that a tunnel be at once driven to cut the reef at the 100ft level."

MINNAW.

Star of the West.—The legal manager, Mr A. Reid, with some of the town directors, returned from a visit of inspection to the mine yesterday. They were accompanied in their visit by the local directors and Mr T. B. King, of Beaconsfield. They report that the lode formation on this Company's ground, which has been proved by a number of shafts, partakes more of the nature of a "diorite dyke," and on being measured it was found that from 2000 to 3000 tons of payable wash-dirt were available at once for treating. The present workings are all on the western side of the claim; but on the eastern side a change of country takes place, and in this a reef 2ft wide, containing gold, has been struck, underlaying into the claim in a junction of blue slate and sandstone country. Immediately beneath this find very rich quartz specimens have been found, which are supposed to have been shed from this reef. Further work on this is being carried on, and it is proposed to put in a main unnel forthwith, from which both the eastern and western workings of the claim can most advantageously be mined. The visiting party were unanimous in their good opinions of the future prospects of the Company. Some stone and prospects obtained from dish washings from the claim can be seen at the office of the Company, Brisbane-street.