

**GOLD.**

A discovery of gold has recently been reported at Gould's country near Thomas Plains, and Mr Shaw, Commissioner of Goldfields, has received an application from Mr Reeman (who reported the discovery) for a prospector's claim. Mr Reeman's application was dated Feb. 8, and an application under the same date has been received from Mr Heaps for a prospector's protection order, for the purpose of prospecting between Thomas Plains and Moorina. The two applications are supposed to have been made in connection with the same locality. We hope to be able to supply further information concerning the discovery in our next issue.

Mr L. J. Anderson, the mining manager of the Royal Tasman Company, North Mount Cameron, who went over to Mel-

bourne recently to purchase machinery for the Company, telegraphed on Saturday to the manager that he had purchased upon advantageous terms a 30 horse-power engine and a 40 horse-power boiler, to be delivered on Melbourne wharf within three weeks from date. Tenders are now invited for the charter of a vessel to convey the above plant, together with a 10-head battery and pumps, from Melbourne Wharf to Ringarooma; tenders to be sent in by Friday next. Mr Meredith also invites tenders for the cartage of machinery, timber, etc., from Ringarooma Port to the Company's claim at North Mount Cameron.

Three of the directors of the Rising Sun Company, accompanied by the legal manager, have made a visit of inspection to the company's claim at Beaconsfield, and have decided to recommend that the shaft be carried down another 20ft, and then a drive be put in along the course of the lode. Should the stone be found payable, a tunnel will be driven into the hill for the permanent working of the claim. The lode is now 4ft 6in wide, and carrying good walls.

Application is made to register the North Extended Tasman Company.

A meeting of shareholders in the West Royal Tasman Company will be held at the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday evening, for the purpose of adopting rules, electing officers, etc.

The cake of gold from the recent crushing of the West New Chum Company at Nine-Mile Springs, was brought to town on Saturday evening, and lodged in the Commercial Bank. The weight of the cake was made at the Springs to be 1195oz, but the bank weight will not be known till to-day.

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A meeting of shareholders of the Sir John Franklin Company is called for to-day to consider the advisableness or otherwise of winding up the company.

Mr W. G. Pilbeam arrived in town by the p.s. Avon on Saturday, bringing with him a quantity of quartz from the Royal Mint claim, North Mount Cameron. In his report of the work done on the claim he states that the main reef has been opened in two places. In the most northerly cutting it has been laid bare along the surface for 60ft, and broken into about 10ft in length besides being cut across 6ft. The hanging wall had not been passed through. The reef has a slight underlay to the south-west, is in the centre of the claim, and its course is about N.W. by S.E. In making this cutting some 25 tons of stone were broken out. The reef is very massive, and the stone is soft and friable and carries plenty of mineral and yields excellent prospects by crushing. The reef is well defined with good walls and is in a nice soft slate country. Two hundred feet S.E. from this cutting the reef has been cut and bared for some distance, and the reef here is 8ft wide with good prospects obtainable in the rubble, as much as half a penny-weight being got to the dish. This reef can be traced through the whole of the claim, but it shows strongest and with coarser gold towards the southern portion. In addition to this reef there is a cross one on the ground running N.N.E. and S.S.W. This reef has been bored along the surface 50ft, and broken through, showing a body of stone 5ft wide carrying gold all through. Preparations are being made to sink a shaft at the junction of the two reefs. The stone brought up by Mr Pilbeam can be seen at the office of Mr R. H. Price.

Operations at the City Company's mine, Mathinna, have been discontinued.

The manager of the Day Dawn Extended claim, at Charters Towers, Northern Queensland, reports the return of gold from that mine for 1880 to have been 12,518oz from 4520 tons of stone. The stone looks as well as ever, and there have been many important improvements, lately effected in the mine, which it is expected will enable the proprietors to secure a far larger quantity of stone during the present year.

**BEACONSFIELD.**

*Blyth's Freehold.*—The mining manager reports under date the 10th inst. :— I have sunk the winze to a depth of 11ft during the past week, the country being very hard. The contractors are making good progress with the main shaft, which is now down 33ft, and timbered.

**NINE-MILE SPRINGS.**

*Queen's Birthday.*—The mining manager telegraphed to the manager on Saturday that the reef had opened out to 1ft

day that the reef had opened out to 1ft thick, carrying gold, and that the walls are 2ft 6in apart.

*New Chum.*—The manager received a telegram from the battery manager on Saturday evening, reporting that a rough cleaning of the plates and ripples gave 443oz of amalgam from a crushing of 80 tons quartz.

#### TIN.

The s.s. Devon, which arrived from Emu Bay on Saturday, brought 56 tons tin ore from the Mount Bischoff Co.'s claim, and 12 tons North Bischoff Valley. She left 20 tons of Mount Co.'s ore behind at Emu Bay.

The p.s. Avon, which arrived from the N.E. Coast on Saturday, brought 443½ bags tin ore, as follows:—From River 68, Weld 106, Native Youth 69, BW 10, Black Boy Co. 18, Krushka Bros. Home 106, X 15, Albion 8, HT 11, G M'K 4½, MW 9, DX 1½, Amber 18.

The steamer Sarah, which arrived from Bridport on Saturday, brought 204 bags tin ore as follows:—Atlas 90, Return Tribute 25, MS 8, Try Again 13, EJT 10, WH 7, Celt 4, Pearce's Ruby Flat 26, INO 21.

The s.s. Mangana, which left for Melbourne on Saturday, took 21 tons tin, valued at £1870, shipped by Messrs Dalgety, Moore and Co. The tin was from both smelting works.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders of the West Bischoff Company will be held at Hobart to-day, and a special general meeting will commence after the extraordinary general meeting is concluded.

*West Bischoff.*—The mining manager reports that No. 2 tunnel has been extended 2ft 6in during the past week. The lode in this drive at present is 6in wide, of fair quality. Hopes to resume the sinking of Hammoo's shaft in a few days. The tramway is progressing well. In a later letter the manager says:—"To-day while making a cutting for our self-acting we came across some alluvial, similar in character to the 'White Face' on Mount Bischoff. It is tin-bearing, but not rich. Shall know more about it when we have completed the cutting. The deposit is from 1ft to 10ft thick."—*Mercury.*

The *Queenslander* of 5th inst. says:—Good tin is being raised at the Brisbane Company's mine, Stanthorpe, the returns averaging about 50 tons a month. The Britannia, the LXL, and two or three mines on the Severn River also yield payable returns, whilst several others off the main watercourses show most encouraging prospects, but lack the necessary appliances for conserving water for sluicing purposes.