

GOLD.

At a meeting of the directors of the Royal Standard Company, North Mount Cameron, held yesterday, it was resolved to advertise for a competent mining manager, at a salary of £4 per week, the remuneration to be increased if the claim turns out well. Steps will be taken to work the claim vigorously.

Mr R. H. Price notifies that a call of 6d per share has been made on the shares of the Queen's Birthday Company, and is payable on Wednesday next.

Mr A. E. Whiteford announces for sale the Carmenitta Alluvia claim, adjoining Kerrison's Blue Tier.

A call of 2d per share has been made on the shares of the Rising Sun Company, and will be payable on Wednesday next.

Mr A. Corrie notifies that the proprietorship of the Grand Flaneur reef, situated two miles west of Mussel Roe River, has been divided into 100 promoters' shares, and a limited number of these interests are offered to the public. The reef is said to be 6ft wide on an average, and 50lbs of stone recently treated by Mr E. W. Woodgate and subjected to the ordinary washing test, gave at the rate of 1½oz of gold to the ton.

The adjourned meeting of the shareholders in Brewer and Whitfield's claim, North Mount Cameron, was held yesterday morning at Mr A. Reid's office. A resolution was carried by a majority of one vote in favour of amalgamation with the North Tasman Extended Company on equal terms, and a meeting of shareholders is to be held on Friday week at the Mechanics' Institute, to confirm or reject this proposition and to form a company.

A meeting of shareholders in the Royal Mint Company, North Mount Cameron, was held at the office of Mr R. H. Price last evening for the adoption of the rules and regulations, election of officers, etc. Sixteen shareholders were present, and Mr J. B. Waldron was voted to the chair. It was resolved to form a company, to be called the Royal Mint, with a capital of 20,000 shares of £1 each, issued as paid up to 10s. Mr R. H. Price was appointed manager, Messrs H. C. Littler and D. Cocker auditors, and the following gentlemen were elected directors: Messrs F. W. Grubb, Robt. Gardner, Robt. Carter, Jos. Doe, E. M. King, W. G. Pilbeam, and P. Barrett. It was decided that the qualification of director should be 100 shares; general meetings to be held in August and February; directors to retire alternate each half-year 3 and 4. The voting was fixed at a vote per share. It is the intention to at once commence operations, and the directors will meet this afternoon to take action.

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The cake of gold from the crushing of the New Chum Co., Nine-Mile Springs, was brought up to town yesterday, and lodged in the Commercial Bank. There were 418 tons quartz crushed, yielding the handsome return of 2122oz 18dwt retorted gold, value £8491 12s, being an average yield of 5oz 1dwt 13½grs to the ton. The directors met in the afternoon and declared a dividend, the ninth, of 12s per share, free of dividend tax, which amounts to £225. The total amount of this dividend is £6000, and the total dividends paid since the formation of the company amount to £3 6s 6d per share, or £33,250. The mining manager reports that the mine is still looking splendid, each face showing good gold.

BEACONSFIELD.

Florence Nightingale.—The mining manager writes on the 16th inst. that he had got the men below, and was continuing the south cross-cut, and driving east and west on the stone.

NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

West Chum Extended.—The mining manager writes that he would have the whim completed yesterday, and would re-commence sinking on Monday next.

BLUE TIER.

Gladstone.—The mining manager, under date Beaconsfield, 10th inst., reports as follows:—"The contractors have finished their contract. We have passed through the hard bar of stone that we have been in for some time. The ground is very much the same as the Victoria reef, and has a little gold in it. The ground is now soft, and I would advise going a little further with the tunnel. We are within 2ft from where we expected to cut the Victoria reef, so I think that it is just possible what we have in the end of the tunnel is the Victoria reef. I will have the paddock finished this week." On the 12th the manager again writes, giving more particulars. He says:—"We are in the 300ft now, and have just broken through the hard country, and have got a very nice looking bit of stuff, about 2ft thick, from which I have had prospects of fine gold, but not in payable quantities. Altogether, we have had about 16ft of the hard country. The

soft dirt that is on the footwall side of the country that we have been driving through corresponds with about 1ft 6in of dirt that is on the footwall side of the reef in the Victoria, and as it is within about 2ft of where we expected to cut the line of the reef, I think it very possible that it is the reef, although cut in a poor place. Since finishing the

that it is the reef, although cut in a poor place. Since finishing the contract, I have put men on to drive a few feet further—have driven 6ft, country lying very flat." Under date 14th, the mining manager furnishes the following progress report :—"The tunnel is driven 306ft from the mouth. The country has been much broken, and composed of sandstone, quartz, and cabbage stone. To-day we cut a leader of quartz, carrying a good deal of pyrites, but I could not see any gold. From the look of the country I am expecting a change every foot. We have got the paddock finished, and will put the road down to it as soon as I get the rails."