

GOLD.

The s.s. *Mangana* took to Melbourne yesterday two boxes containing 2122ozs. gold, valued at £8500, shipped by the Commercial Bank.

Applications are invited up to Monday, the 7th March, for a competent mining manager for the Royal Mint claim. Three directors, Messrs Dea, Barrett, and Pilbeam, start to-day for North Mount Cameron to inspect the claim, and to report as to the nature of future operations, and also with reference to machinery.

A meeting of promoters of the West Royal Tasman Company was held at the Mechanics' Institute last night, Mr A. Webster in the chair. It was decided to form a company with a capital of £20,000 in one pound shares, paid up to 10s, and the following directors were elected:—Messrs A. Webster, B. P. Farrally, J. M'Kenzie, W. Gurr, E. Salisbury, Jas. Barclay, and W. Bourke. The rules were adopted, and a resolution was carried requesting the directors to cause the Company to be registered at once, and commence operations on the mine. Mr Douglas was present on behalf of Mr Pearce, and Mr W. Ritchie on behalf of Mr Ward. Mr H. Turner was appointed manager, Messrs Weetman and Dean, auditors, and Messrs Douglas and Collins, solicitors of the Company.

A call, the eleventh, of sixpence per share, has been made in the East New Chum Co., payable on Saturday.

Tenders are invited for sinking a main shaft on the Caledonian Co.'s claim, Nine-Mile Springs.

The third general meeting of the New Chum Co. will be held on the 28th inst. at the office of Mr R. H. Price.

A call, the second, of threepence per share, has been made in the Great Extended West Chum Co., payable on 28th inst.

A competent mining manager is wanted for the Royal Mint Co., North Mount Cameron.

NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

South West Chum.—The mining manager, writing under date Feb. 17, reports that since his last very good progress has been made in sinking the main shaft, the present depth being 94ft. The country passed through was soft slate, intermixed with quartz leaders and lava seams, the latter underlaying to the south four in six, a good indication that there is a reef not far off. The contractors had accepted the offer of the directors for sinking the shaft to a further depth of 50ft, as recommended by Mr Kitto, prior to opening out, and are making preparations for commencing the work. This, with the balance of 6ft yet unfinished, will make a total depth of 150ft.