

## MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Mr T. C. Just will hold a scrip sale at the Exchange Mart at noon to-day.

### GOLD.

A company is about to be floated, to be called the No. 1 South Royal Standard. The claim is situated south of and adjoining the Royal Standard claim, North Mount Cameron, and the present holders propose to form the company into 80 promoters' shares, each of which will represent 125 shares when the company is floated. As soon as the promoters' shares are sold, the company will be formed with a capital of £10,000, in one pound shares. Mr Henry Turner is the agent. It is also proposed by Mr Turner, who is acting as agent, to float a prospecting company, to be known as the East Royal Standard, to prospect three ten-acre sections to the east of the Royal Standard claim.

The third call of sixpence per share has been made upon the shares of the Prince of Wales Company, payable on Thursday.

### NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

*East New Chum.*—The mining manager, Mr Thos. Woods, under date 21st inst., reports as follows:—"I have extended the drive south 7ft during the week; the ground has been hard, but has now changed for the better, being a little softer, and shows slate in the face, and is making more water; total distance from shaft, 40ft. I have opened out on north side of shaft; have my opening set in securely, and ready to commence driving. The ground here is much softer and full of quartz veins."

*East New Chum Extended.*—The mining manager, Mr John Moore, reports under date Feb. 21st:—"The contractors have finished their contract to the depth of 101ft from surface. I shall now start to timber up from the brace, get the pulley wheels fixed and other necessary work, and will be ready to resume sinking by about Wednesday."

*New Chum.*—The mining manager reports under date the 21st:—"I have sunk the shaft for the week 8ft, and have driven the western level 14ft, and the south cross-cut 10ft. The stone in each of the faces continues to show splendid gold."

*Queen's Birthday.*—The mining manager writes on the 21st inst.:—"In driving on the reef west I am now getting one foot of stone, showing gold freely. The stone appears in the east drive to be making stronger as it goes down."

*City Tribute.*—The mining manager reports on the 21st inst.:—"The drive is in from winze 35ft; have a good quantity of stone, but poor. It is improving as we drive east."

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*Golden Era.*—The mining manager reports on the 21st inst.:—"The eastern level is in 22ft; the reef has opened out to one foot, showing very fair gold. I will open out to-day and drive the western level. I can get very fair prospects of gold in this face. The manager received a telegram last evening reporting the Golden Era reef improving, one foot wide, and stone showing gold freely."

*West New Chum.*—Under date of 21st inst. the mining manager reports:—"During the week the main shaft has been sunk 7ft, making the total depth from No. 2 level 40ft. The western drive in No. 1 level has been driven 20ft for the week, making a total distance from the cross-cut of 215ft. The reef has been small, but is again opening out, and is 1ft 6in wide. In the stopes quartz is con-

tinuing to be taken out from No. 1 winze to No. 2, and the stopes from No. 1 level to surface are looking the same as last reported. There have been 192 tons crushed for the week. The scraping will take place next Saturday."

### BEACONSFIELD.

*Florence Nightingale.*—The mining manager reports under date the 21st inst.:—"I have extended the south cross-cut 14ft during the week, making the total distance from shaft 87ft. I have driven on the stone west 12ft; it is well-defined, and 3ft 6in wide. The east level on the stone has been driven 8ft; this face continues about the same size as last reported, and the stone in each of the faces continues about the same quality. I have about 25 tons of quartz in the hopper, and will commence crushing after the next cleaning up of the Tasmania."

### GOLCONDA.

*Queensland.*—Under date 19th Feb., the mining manager reports:—"Since last report the distance driven on the lode in the north level is 12 feet, the width of the lode being 2ft. 8in. I have a number of men employed stoping the reef as last reported. The battery was started on Friday morning, and everything connected with it has since worked smoothly."

### NORTH MOUNT CAMERON.

*North Tasman.*—The mining manager, under date 19th inst., reports that during the last week he has driven the tunnel a further distance of 12ft, making the total length 153ft. He has got through the hard bar of 9ft, and the ground is looking better, and water making more freely. Judging from the course of the Royal Tasman reef, he thinks the North Tasman will stand a very good show, as the last stone raised looks better than any stone yet raised in the Royal Tasman shaft, and the lode is not underlying so much as formerly. This is all the better for the North.

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*Royal Mint.*—The person in charge of the claim writes under date the 19th inst. :—I have cleaned up No. 1 cutting north; the reef in the northern end is 5ft wide. The stone which I have broken out shows gold freely, and as the reef here is very hard and solid, requiring blasting, I went to No. 2, cutting south, and bared the reef 10ft in length. On the southern end I have broken into the stone 6ft, and it is the richest I have yet seen. I am continuing to strip south.

*(From our own Correspondent.)*

As time passes prospects brighten in this locality; as you are already aware Messrs Ward and Pilbeam's section, west of and adjoining the Royal Tasman, has come to the front, and is looking splendid. I see by the paper received to-day it is called the "Royal Mint," a very good name. It is the ground referred to in my last, but as I then stated they (Messrs W. and P.) did not wish the matter made public. There is no doubt however of its genuineness, and it will prove a rival of the Royal Tasman itself, as the stone is of the same character, prospects as well, and there is plenty of it.

*Royal Tasman.*—Nothing fresh to report, except that the shaft is still going down on good stone, and clearing operations for the battery are being continued.

*Royal Standard.*—Little or nothing being done on the ground pending arrangements in town.

*North Tasman.*—The drive is in 152ft, ground harder, with quartz veins coming in, and more water.

*Lady Tasman.*—Hut building.

Kemp and Co. have cut the cap of the Royal Standard in two places, in one place about the middle of the claim. It shows very strong, about 7ft wide, and this claim should be a valuable one.

The Fly-by-Night have gone to roost for a while.

The road party have nearly completed their task, and Mr Gilham's team came along the new line to-day; the driver pronounces it a great improvement.

Amongst the arrivals to-day was Mr J. R. Hurst, district surveyor. Mr Windsor has been over at the Mussel Roe for the past fortnight making surveys of quartz claims over there, which report says are looking well, and an account of which I hope to give in my next.

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