

GOLD.

Advices have been received that the engine and mining plant for the Royal Tasman G.M. Co., North Mount Cameron, will leave Melbourne for Ringarooma Port direct on 9th March.

The first general meeting of the Chance Company was held yesterday afternoon at Messrs Corrie's office, Mr R. J. Sadler in the chair. The directors' report stated that they regretted to say that after mining operations, which commenced in July last, had been continued for about one month, it was found necessary to suspend them, in consequence of there being such a large amount of surface water to contend with. The working account for the half-year ending January 31st, showed the expenses to amount to £90 7s 2d, of which the wages item was £56 5s. This amount stood a balance to debit. On the motion of the chairman the report and balance-sheet were adopted, and the meeting closed.

At a meeting of directors of the Royal Standard Company, held yesterday afternoon to appoint a mining manager as successor to Mr Dugald Lamond, who resigned in consequence of his late accident, seven applications for the position were received. The directors appointed Mr Joseph Parker, of Sandhurst, at a salary of £4 per week.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the Star of the South Company was held last evening, to consider the advisableness or otherwise of amalgamating with the North Extended Tasman. After discussion, the meeting was adjourned till Friday evening.

The total amount paid by the Tasmania Company, Beaconsfield, in the 29 dividends, amounting to £38 per share, they have declared is £114,000, instead of £102,503, as erroneously stated in our last issue.

Parties holding an interest in the ground west and adjoining the Queen's Birthday claim, Nine-Mile Springs, are requested to meet at Mr A. Simson's office, Patterson-street.

In another column appears the prospectus of Wm. Creelman's lease, north of and adjoining the Blue Bell Company's claim, Mussel Roe. Fifty out of 100 promoters' shares are offered to the public at £25 each, and £250 of the proceeds will be placed to the Company's credit.

Notice is given that unless the third call of 3d per share in the Gladstone Co., Beaconsfield, is paid before the 15th inst., the shares will be liable to forfeiture.

A meeting of holders of promoters' shares in the East Grand Flaneur Co., will be held at the Mechanics' Institute to-morrow afternoon, for the purpose of forming the company, &c.

A mining manager is wanted for the Blue Bell Co.

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A meeting of shareholders in the East Golden Era Co. will be held to-morrow evening for the purpose of forming the company, &c.

Application is made to register the Grand Flaneur Company, North Mount Cameron.

NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

West New Chum.—The mining manager reports under date Feb. 28 :—During the week the ground in the shaft has been much harder, and therefore there has not been good progress made in sinking. The shaft is now 44ft. 6in. down, making 4ft. 6in. for the week. No. 1 drive west is in 229ft. from the cross-cut, making 14ft. driven for the week. The reef is 2ft. wide, with two good walls. I have started a rise in No. 2 level west, to strike the shoot of stone met in No. 1 level, and am up from the back of the drive 6ft. The reef is 3ft. wide but broken. There have been 160 tons of stone crushed for the week.

New Chum.—The mining manager writes on the 28th inst. :—I am happy to tell you that the mine is looking splendid. The reef in the western level is 3ft. wide, showing good gold, and in the stope it averages about 2ft. 6in. in width. All the faces are showing gold. I have sunk the shaft for the week 7ft., which makes a total of 60ft., and have driven the western level 16ft. and the cross-cut 12ft. for the week. Everything is working first rate.

Queen's Birthday.—The mining manager reports on the 28th inst. :—The reef is looking about the same as I last reported. I have driven 42ft. east, and 30ft. west on the course of the reef. I am preparing a paddock, and when completed I will pull up all the quartz I have stowed away in the cross-cut.

Great Extended West Chum.—The mining manager reports that he has driven the cross-cut 20ft. for the fortnight, making a total of 51 feet. He is now in black slate country, and has a leader 4in. thick in the face.

Golden Era.—The mining manager reports that he has driven the eastern level 40ft. The reef in the face is 9in. wide. He has opened out west, and driven 4ft. The whip is finished, and he will now be able to make much better headway.

Prince of Wales.—The mining manager, writing yesterday, reports that the cross-cut is in 17ft, the country being hard sandstone and slate, with no indication of any other reef so far. The country was making no water to speak of. The east drive had been extended 3ft since the last report, making 40ft from the cross-cut. The west drive was in 52ft, 17ft having been driven for the week. The ground in this drive was much harder than previously, consisting of sandstone and buck leaders. There was no gold.

than previously, consisting of sandstone and buck leaders. There was no gold, but he was anxiously watching and prospecting the drive, and hoped soon to get gold. He had the men rising when they had no dirt to truck, and was pushing on the west drive and cross-cut south at the same time. The water still remained heavy.

East New Chum.—The mining manager, under date Feb. 28, reports:—I have extended the south drive to a further distance of 7ft, making the total distance from shaft 47ft, the country being much the same as last reported, and making water in the face. I expect a change before long. I am also in with the north drive 5ft.

Windermere.—The mining manager reports on 26th Feb., that during the past fortnight he had completed driving from the eastern boundary to the mouth of the tunnel, 96ft in all, without any practical results. He had commenced in the level driving on the course of the reef on the eastern end, but this week he intended to commence pushing on the western drive, as he is certain the gold previously worked in the gully must have come from the run of stone he is now on.

Land o' Cakes.—Mr Clark, mining manager of the Windermere Co., who is supervising operations on the Land o' Cakes claim, which is on the Caledonian line, reports that work was started on the 21st Feb., and the line of the Caledonian reef laid off. The shaft is now down 20ft, and a drive put in north-easterly towards the line 18ft through nice-looking country, the prospects being favourable.

BEACONSFIELD.

Blue Tier.—The mining manager writes on the 26th inst.:—Since my last the thickness of reef has increased considerably. There is now fully 8ft. of solid reef in the face, underlying west, with prospects the same as usual. I have driven 12ft. for the week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

King and Eastman.—Work on the claim belonging to this party has been suspended for the last fortnight, and the battery has been idle. To-day arrangements were completed with the Tasmania Company for crushing stone, and next week the battery will be again in full work.

Albion.—Work will be commenced on this Company's claim very shortly, and tenders for sinking a main shaft will be called for in a day or so.

Blyth's Freehold.—Still sinking winze from old shaft. Contractors are making a good job of the main shaft, which is now down upwards of 50ft., and well timbered.

Queen.—Resumed crushing on Thursday last.

Rising Sun.—Another contract has been let for sinking the shaft to a further depth of 20ft. The trial crushing of stone has not yet taken place.

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Victoria.—Tunnel progressing. Expect to cut the reef within a fortnight. Preparations for erection of battery proceeding.

Gladstone.—The Victoria country was passed through at about 300ft. in the tunnel. Drove ahead for another 50ft. to prospect country, which was found broken, and consisting of sandstone, cabbage tree, and quartz impregnated with pyrites. Suspended work in face and commenced to drive along reef. Drive in 20ft. towards Victoria. Quartz improving, and is now heavily charged with pyrites, with gold making, the manager having to-day obtained some very fair prospects of fine gold. Water increasing in face of drive.

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BLUE TIER.

Cobham's Section.—The mining manager reports under date Feb. 28, that during the past fortnight the shaft had been sunk a further depth of 3ft., making in all 31ft. from the surface. On account of meeting with water he opened out at 30ft., and had driven 15ft. He expected to strike the reef in 18 or 20ft. from the shaft.

BACK CREEK.

Deep Lead.—The mining manager reports on 26th February that the main shaft had been commenced and is down 4ft, through clay, and he anticipates the sinking will be very easy. The miners on the goldfield consider an excellent position has been chosen for sinking to catch the three leads which converge towards this point, and as in the alluvial workings hitherto on these leads the rule has been that when the miners came on a defined gutter and a level bottom the yield has invariably been good, his opinion is that when the company reach the deep ground and are fortunate enough to get a defined gutter, there is every probability of finding a heavy deposit of gold. The directors have purchased a 10 h.p. engine for winding and pumping purposes, and arrangements have been made for its reception on the ground.

GOLCONDA.

Exhibition.—The mining manager reports on 26th Feb. that the shaft is down 76ft, and he expected to finish sinking on Monday. He has had granite in the hanging wall for the last 10ft, but it is getting mixed again with sandstone in the bottom of the shaft. The reef has varied from 20in to 2ft wide, but mixed with sandstone; in the bottom, however, it appears cleaner than it has been since the sandstone came in. The stone looks very well.

NORTH MOUNT CAMERON.

North Tasman.—The mining manager reports, under date Feb. 25, that 14ft had been driven for the week, making the total length of tunnel 167ft. There is more water than previously met with.

the total length of tunnel 107ft. There is more water than previously met with, so that dynamite has to be used instead of powder. At present the slate ground is much against us, but we expect to meet a different run of country soon.

Deskford.—The mining manager reports on 25th Feb., that during the past fortnight the shaft had been sunk 11ft, making a total depth of 25ft. The country has been much disturbed, and a cross course came in. The reef is evidently going down more perpendicularly than he anticipated, as it has not yet come into the shaft. The winze has been sunk 13ft 6in, making its total depth 21ft. The formation of reef is about 4ft wide, and is beginning to dip more perpendicularly, and seems to be making into its true course. He intends to discontinue the winze for the present, so as to put the men on cross-cutting for the Royal Mint reef and a cross reef that are coming into the Company's claim.
