

## MINING INTELLIGENCE.

An error occurred in our report in yesterday's issue of the scrip sale at Messrs Hartnoll and Feaguson's mart on Saturday, West Royal Tasman stock being accidentally confounded with Queensland. None of the former were sold, and the following portion of the report—"100 West Royal Tasman, 8s 9d; 250 ditto, 8s 6d; and 50 ditto, 8s 3d," were really sales of Queensland scrip. No private sales of Queensland scrip took place after the auction. West Royal Tasman shares are, we understand, quoted at a higher figure than those given in the report.

Mr T. C. Just will hold a sale of scrip at his mart at noon to-day.

### GOLD.

We have been shown specimens of the stone taken from the reef cut in the Royal Tasman near its northern boundary. The stone shows gold plentifully, and is quite equal to that taken from the surface at other parts of the mine. The discovery of the reef on the hill seems to have been almost fortuitous. A couple of men, who had been working in the northern shaft, having sunk to the depth of 55ft, directed by the mining manager, Mr Anderson, were set on by Mr Chaffoy, in Mr Anderson's absence, prospecting near the northern boundary, with the fortunate result of cutting the reef after a little work. The specimens were crushed, and a rough battery test made, the yield of gold being at the handsome rate of 18oz 3d wts 10grs to the ton. The gold obtained is richer in quality than any of the samples hitherto obtained from Royal Tasman stone.

Tenders are invited for the sinking of a main shaft on the Lefroy Company's claim, B-aconfield. The shaft is to be 12ft by 6ft in the clear. Tenders will be received up to Thursday, 31st inst., and specifications may be seen at the office of the Company, and on application to the mining manager.

The directors of the Royal Mint Co., North Mount Cameron, have accepted the offer of Mr F. G. Hicks for taking down the 15-head battery at the Leura, and the re-erection of the same on the machinery area of the Company, together with the building in of the boiler and stack, setting of engine, and the erection of engine and boiler housing. Mr Hicks proceeds to the Leura on Wednesday next to commence operations. The directors have purchased an 18in cylinder engine in Melbourne, which will be shipped direct with the boiler. Mr J. G. Payne, the mining manager, proceeds by the Avon to take charge of the claim.

From a reliable private source we learn that the Royal Standard reef is looking very well indeed. The place where they are cutting out the stone on the surface is

very well indeed. The place where they are cutting out the stone on the surface is 19ft wide, and a solid body of quartz. It has been cut into 3ft, and shows excellent prospects. There was a large demand for the Standard stock yesterday, and prices ran very high.

We learn that in the No. 1 North Standard a reef has been cut near the southern boundary of the claim, showing a strong body of stone.

Application is made to register the Eastern Prince Company, Nine-Mile Springs, and the Cosmopolitan Company, Blue Tier.

A meeting of shareholders in the Golden Age Company will be held at Mr J. R. Kemp's office this evening, for the purpose of adopting rules, etc.

A meeting of shareholders in the New Monkland Company will be held at Mr Meredith's office to-morrow evening, for the formation of the company.

The half-yearly meeting of the Olive Branch Company was opened at Mr A. Corrie's office, St. John-street, yesterday evening, Mr T. Hogg in the chair, and was adjourned till Monday week.

A meeting of shareholders in Hunter's lease, Nine-Mile Springs, is called for Thursday evening, at Mr Kemp's office, for the formation of a company.

A meeting of shareholders in Curtis's lease, Nine Mile Springs, will be held at the office of Mr Alex. Corrie this day, for the formation of a company and transaction of other necessary business.

### NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

*West New Chum.*—The mining manager reports under date March 14th :—During the week the No. 1 level west has been extended a further distance of 11ft, making the total distance from the cross-cut 236ft. The reef is still small. The stopes in the back of No. 1 level are now worked for nearly 200ft long. The rise in No. 2 west is up 47ft from the back of the drive, making 20ft risen for the week. The reef is 1ft 6in. wide, and shows a little gold. The main shaft is sunk a further depth of 4ft, making the total depth of shaft from No. 2 level 53ft. The ground is tight.

*Land o' Cakes.*—The mining manager reports, under date 12th March :—We are still making excellent headway. We have the third shaft down and have driven 90ft north and south. We have cut several leaders, but so far none of them are gold bearing. From the appearance of the country in the last shaft I think we are in the vicinity of a run of stone, as there is a small leakage of water in one end of the shaft. The formation is also very much like the Caledonian.

*Windermere.*—The mining manager reports under date March 12th.—For the past fortnight I have extended the western drive a further distance of 33ft. and have

past fortnight I have extended the western drive a further distance of 33ft, and have had from six to ten inches of stone until the last few feet. It has got smaller owing to the ground becoming harder. There is a good formation and good walls, and every appearance of their keeping on. I will start to-morrow in the east face and push it ahead.

*East New Chum.*—The mining manager, Mr Thos. Woods, writing under date March 14th, says :—During the past week I have driven the east drive a further distance of 10ft, the total distance from the cross-cut being 14ft. There is more stone making in the face, and the walls are about 20in apart, carrying one foot of quartz. The north drive has been extended 7ft, making the total distance from the shaft 16ft. I will keep three shifts on in this drive, and push it ahead as fast as possible.

*East New Chum Extended.*—Mr Moore, writing under date March 12th, reports :—I have sunk the shaft 20ft for the week, making the total depth of the shaft 143ft from the surface. The sinking is tighter, and the water is increasing considerably.

*Prince of Wales.*—Mr S. Baker, under date March 14th, reports that he cleaned up the drives at the 50ft level, and had started a rise 30ft in from the plat. It was up 11ft. He had driven the west drive 13ft further. The lode was 18in. wide, but he could not get any gold. He sunk in the bottom of the drive 14ft west of the plat on Saturday afternoon, and got a little gold, which he intends to follow up. He considers this would pay if there was a sufficient quantity of it, and a few days would enable him to ascertain its extent.

*West Chum Extended.*—The mining manager, writing on March 14th, reports that the shaft has been sunk for the week 22ft, making a total of 150ft. He has cut a small leader in the shaft about 4in wide, gold-bearing stone. The ground has been very soft about it. No water is making.

*Golden Era.*—The mining manager reports, under date the 14th inst., that the

western level is in 36ft. He has more stone making out of the footwall side. The east level is in 60ft, and the country is very soft, with more water making. He has had payable stone for over 60ft. The faces are still showing gold. He has 23 tons of stone in paddock, and will start crushing about the middle of this week.

#### BEACONSFIELD.

*Prince Consort.*—The mining manager reports, under date March 13th :—The first 58ft of tunnel have been driven according to specifications. We met a fine

according to specifications. We met a fine strong leader in the tunnel; it varies from eight to eighteen inches, and carries a little gold in both rubble and stone. It is dipping about south-west, and I believe it will make into the other reef at very little depth. Water is making in the face of the tunnel, so I do not think the reef is far off.

*Tasmania.*—The mining manager writes under date the 12th inst. :—The stone in the lower tunnel is 6ft wide, showing splendid gold. I have driven 14ft on the course. The stopes are showing gold.

*Florence Nightingale.*—The mining manager reports that from 35 tons of stone crushed last week, he obtained 77oz of amalgam from the plates and ripples. He had no change to report at the mine. Everything was going on smoothly.

#### BLUE TIER.

*Cobham's Lease.*—The mining manager, under date March 14, reports :—I have cut into the reef 6ft during the past week, and am not through it yet. The stone is similar to the blow on the surface, but I cannot get any gold in it. I should advise that the reef be cut, say 100ft further north, to see if it improves. We might at present be in a barren part.

*Blue Tier.*—The mining manager reports under date the 12th :—The tunnel is now in 220ft. I have started to sink a winze on the stone to test it at a depth. Where I have started to sink the winze, I have 6ft of stone, with fair prospects. A trial crushing of 20 tons stone will be made this week at Jansen's battery.

#### NORTH MOUNT CAMERON.

*North Tasman.*—Mr M'Aveston, the mining manager, reports on 11th instant that he is still driving in hard ground. He has made 11ft for the week—total length of tunnel 190ft—and has now broken through to softer ground. Mr Chaffey had put on men to cross-cut on the hill 200ft from the boundary of the North Tasman claim, and had got gold in the surface stone. Mr M'Aveston adds that rich stone has been struck in the Royal Standard claim.

*Deskford.*—Mr M'Aveston is temporarily in charge of this claim also until the arrival of the new mining manager, Mr A. Heslop, Mr M'Kenzie having left.

#### (From our own Correspondent.)

The Royal Tasman is still progressing slowly. The reef has been struck on the surface on the spur to the north of the present workings, and near to the boundary of the North Tasman.

*Royal Standard.*—An open cutting has been made to the south of the camp, showing good gold in the stone near the surface.

*Royal Mint.*—Nothing new to report.

*Deskford.*—Work still progressing.

*No. 1 North.*—Tunnel still being driven.

*Kemp's Sections.*—Prospecting the surface; struck the cross reef on the line of the cross reef in the Mint, supposed to be the same.

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Building on the new township is being rapidly proceeded with, and section-jumping all the rage.

A good many visitors still keep coming.

Considerable rain fell last Saturday; Sunday and Monday showery. Nights cold now.

A Mining Registrar is wanted in the district.

#### GOLCONDA.

*Queensland*—The mining manager reports under date March 12th;—During the week the north level has been extended a distance of 9ft. Progress has not been so great as usual, owing to a hard bar, but we have now got through it. The width of stone is 3ft. The reef in the stopes is about the same as last reported. Fifty-five tons quartz have been put through the machine, giving 84ozs amalgam. We have had two stoppages during the week putting in shoes and false bottoms. I hope to be able to start the other five head of stampers on Tuesday, which will enable us to put more stone through.