

GOLD.

Applications for the position of mining manager to the Golden Age Co., North Mount Cameron, will be received by Mr Kemp, manager, up to the 28th inst.

The directors of the East Golden Era Co., Nine-Mile Springs, have made arrangements for sinking a shaft 50ft in depth, close to the boundary of the Golden Era claim, and yesterday accepted a contract for the work at 8s per foot. The contractor will commence work immediately, and some of the timber for slabbing is already on the ground.

A meeting of those interested in the New Monkland Co. was called for last night at Mr O. Meredith's office, for the formation of the company, but was adjourned in consequence of a quorum not being in attendance. The meeting will be held this afternoon at Mr Meredith's office, Patterson-street.

A meeting of those interested in Hunter's Lease, Nine-Mile Springs, will be held at Mr Kemp's office this evening for the formation of a company.

The newly appointed mining manager of the Royal Standard Co., Mr J. Parker, left Launceston yesterday by the Avon en route for Mount Cameron, to take charge of the claim. He was accompanied by Mr J. S. Goodall, who has occupied the position of acting manager since the accident sustained by Mr Dugald Lamond. Mr Goodall will hand over charge of the claim to the mining manager, and consult with him as to future operations. The directors have instructed the mining manager to send up a quantity of the stone from the reef in order that its value may be tested. They have directed him to put in a couple of shots, and to send up two bags of the stone as soon as possible.

Yesterday Captain Audley Coote and Mr R. Crosby, of Hobart, came to Launceston with samples of stone taken by them from the reef lately cut on Creelman's lease, Mussel Roe. One gold-bearing reef had already been got on this claim, and the men were put on sinking another shaft thirty yards south of the main shaft. At a depth of 18in from the surface they cut a reef a few inches wide. They sunk along it, and found that it widened out to a foot. The shaft is down a depth of 10ft, and the reef is apparently widening, and has properly defined walls. The stone brought to town was knocked off the reef by the gentlemen named. It is a very healthy-looking specimen of quartz, and is studded with rich-looking gold. One piece subjected to a rough assay by Mr Woodgate yielded at the rate of 14oz, but he stated had it been carefully assayed it would have yielded at the rate of an ounce or an ounce and a half more.

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The third call, of sixpence per share, has been made on the shares of the Deskford Co., payable to-day.

A meeting of shareholders in King's lease, Beaconsfield, will be held at Mr A. Reid's office on Monday evening, for the purpose of forming a company. The new Company is to be called the Prince Consort.

CRUSHING FROM THE NEW CHUM COMPANY. CAKE OF GOLD WEIGHING 1391oz 12dwts; VALUE, £5566 8s.

The directors of the New Chum Company returned to town yesterday from Nine-Mile Springs, with the cake of gold from the crushing of the Company referred to in our last issue. There were 381 tons quartz crushed, which yielded 1391oz 12dwt retorted gold, value £5566 8s, giving the handsome average of 3oz 13dwt 1gr to the ton. The gold was lodged in the Commercial Bank. At a meeting of directors held during the afternoon, a dividend of 8s per 10,000th share was declared, free of dividend tax, payable on and after Monday next. The dividend tax amounts to £150. This is the eighth dividend declared by the company, and makes £3 14s 6d per share, or £37,250 in all, paid in dividends. The mine is still looking well, and twenty head of the New Native Youth Company's battery were started crushing again yesterday upon the New Chum Company's stone. The manager notifies that the transfer journal will be closed until Tuesday.

BEACONSFIELD.

Tasmania.—The mining manager reports under date the 16th inst.:—The stone in the lower tunnel still shows splendid gold, and is 7ft wide. At the other part of the mine the stone shows fair gold.

Florence Nightingale.—The mining manager reports on the 15th inst.:—During the week I have driven the west drive 10ft., making a total of 58ft from the cross-cut. The stone in the face is 4ft 6in wide, with good gold showing. From the western level rise, I have stoped 11ft going west, and 8ft going east from the rise towards the cross-cut. The stone in this stop varies from 2ft to 3ft, and is the same quality stone as in the level. East of cross-cut the drive has been extended 10ft during the week, making 46ft from cross-cut. The reef just now is pinched in, being about one foot of stone, showing gold. I have still about 60 tons quartz in the hopper, and the machinery and pumps are working well.

NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

Golden Era.—The mining manager reports on 16th inst.:—The mine still continues to look well, and good prospects are obtained. The reef in the eastern level is opening out a little. I have not

are obtained. The reef in the eastern level is opening out a little. I have not driven west since last report, not being able with the whip to raise all the dirt. I started crushing with 5-head at the Native Youth battery yesterday, and am preparing to erect a whim.

Prince of Wales.—The mining manager reports on 16th inst. :—We have sunk the winze 8ft, and the lode is about a foot

wide, carrying gold. From prospects tried, I should judge it to go from 10 to 15 pennyweights to the ton. I can get as much by crushing as I can by washing the loose quartz, thus proving the gold to be in the stone.

BLUE TIER.

Victoria.—The mining manager reports under date the 14th inst.:—The tunnel is in 516ft; the ground is still hard, and more water making out of the face. The contractor is making good progress with the erection of the machinery.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Gladstone.—The mining manager, under date 7th inst., writes as follows:—I have to report the drive in 53ft from the tunnel. The stone still continues the same; we are not taking all the stone with us, but about 2ft from which I can get prospects of fine gold. The reef, as far as I can see, is well defined, with very nice underlay, but I think the stone looks better as it gets down under the level. Under date 14th March he again writes:—I have to report the drive on course of reef is in 87ft from tunnel, the contractors having driven 66ft since they started. During the past week we have put in a cross-cut from the drive about 10ft, in which there seems to be a nice make of stone coming up, and running in a different course from what we have had in the drive. The stone looks very well, and is well charged with pyrites, but I have not yet seen any gold in it. The stone is about 5ft thick, and there is a good drop of water making in the drive now. The cross-cut mentioned in the report is in the reef, and reveals fully 9ft of solid stone. The course of the reef is inclining more to the westward.