

## GOLD.

We learn that the schooner Governor Weld, with the machinery for the Blue Bell claim at Mussel Roe, arrived at Ringarooma port on Saturday.

The following applications for mineral leases were made yesterday:—John Joseph Westwood, 10 acres south of and adjoining ground applied for by John Westwood and others, and held by the Southern Cross Company, Waterhouse; John M'Kenzie, 10 acres south of and adjoining Paul Brown's section, being No. 2 section from the Southern Cross claim, Waterhouse.

Some specimens from the Southern Cross Company, Waterhouse, were on view at Mr John Sinclair's office yesterday. Some of them are rich, and they all show good gold.

An adjourned meeting of the Tasmania Extended Company was held at the Mechanics' Institute last night, in connection with the pending amalgamation of that Company with the Star of the South Company. Mr John Reid was in the chair. No business was, however, transacted, the report of the Committee not being yet presented, and the meeting was further adjourned till to-morrow week.

A meeting of shareholders in King's lease, Beaconsfield, was held at Mr A. Reid's office, Brisbane-street, last night, Mr Thos. Hogg in the chair. It was decided to form a company, to be called the Prince Consort, with a capital of £10,000, in one pound shares, issued as paid up to 10s each. Messrs John Fitzgerald, Joseph Grigg, Josiah Powell, John Reid, and M. Suman were elected directors; Mr A. Reid, legal manager; and Messrs F. C. H. Dean and N. Weetman, auditors. Rules and regulations were read and adopted.

A general meeting of promoters of the Royal Treasury Company will be held at the office of Mr J. R. Kemp this evening, for the formation of the company. Holders of promoters' shares are requested to lodge the same with Mr Kemp for registration.

A meeting of shareholders in Ritchie's lease will be held at the Brandy Creek Hotel, Beaconsfield, on Saturday next, for the purpose of forming a company.

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

The first half-yearly meeting of the East New Chum Extended Company will be held at Mr Kemp's office, on the 30th inst., to receive directors' report, elect directors, etc.

The directors of the New Chum have accepted the tender of Mr J. M'Mahon for cartage of their new boiler to the Springs. He will start with it from town

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The directors of the Royal Mint Company have accepted the tender of Mr J. M'Mahon for cartage of the fifteen head battery from the Leura Co.'s claim, Piper's River, to North Mount Cameron, and he undertakes to deliver the same on the claim in three weeks.

The second general meeting of the West Chum Extended Company will be held at the office of the Company on Thursday next, 31st inst., at 8 p.m.

Our Sheffield correspondent, writing on 19th inst., says:—An old friend and myself paid a visit the other day to the Minnaw goldfield, expecting to find matters pretty brisk there, but to our great surprise they were very quiet. At the Star of the West Company's claim we found one man in charge, work suspended, and the mining manager gone, and on looking round we found about twelve claims upon which nothing was going on in a business-like manner. An exception was R. Manley and party's claim, where men are actively employed, and a tunnel has been driven over 100ft, and judging from the stone in the face there is every appearance of a payable reef being found. This is the fifth or sixth time I have visited the Minnaw, and on each occasion I have seen very nice specimens of both alluvial and gold in the stone, yet no proper start has yet been made to test the value of this goldfield.

## BEACONSFIELD.

*Olive Branch.*—The mining manager reports under date March 19th:—The crushing of 70 tons of stone from Bennett and party gave 19 ozs 13 dwts 6 grs of gold. M'Donald and party cleaned up to-day from a crushing of 44 tons, the result being 24 ozs 19 dwts 12 grs of gold. Tregonion and party started crushing to-day; they will clean up about the 25th. In the Company's workings the cross-cut is now in 37ft from the shaft. The rock has been very hard. There is a change coming in the face of the drive.

*Prince of Wales.*—The mining manager writes under date March 19th:—There is nothing fresh to report. We are still prospecting in the upper workings.

*Tasmania.*—The mining manager reports under date the 21st inst.:—The reef in the lower tunnel still shows splendid gold, and is now 8ft wide; both walls are good. The other faces are showing gold.

*Florence Nightingale.*—The mining manager reports 45 tons quartz crushed for the week ending 19th inst., with a return of 92oz 2dwts amalgam, scraped from the plates and ripples. The mine continues about the same as last report.

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## NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

*East New Chum.*—The mining manager reports; under date March 19th:—We have extended the east drive 8ft for the week, making a total distance of 22ft from cross-cut. The stone is making solid in the face. The north drive has been extended 10ft. The ground is much softer, and full of quartz leaders.

*East New Chum Extended.*—The mining manager reports under date March 19th:—We have sunk the shaft 14ft during the week, making a total depth from the surface of 157ft. The country is blue slate. Water is increasing.

*East Golden Era.*—Mr Boyd, who has supervision of the work at this claim, reports under date March 21st:—A contract has been let for sinking the shaft to a depth of 60ft, and at the time of writing the shaft is down 16ft. There are 2000ft of timber on the ground. The mining manager of the Golden Era supplies all information in his power in connection with the bearings of the reef.

*West New Chum.*—Mr J.A. Corrie received a telegram from the mining manager on Saturday, stating that 150 tons of stone had been crushed for the week, and the scraping resulted in 235oz of amalgam. The mining manager reports, under date March 21st:—During the week the main shaft has been sunk a further depth of 5ft, making the total depth of shaft from No. 2 level 58ft. I

am cutting out and preparing to fix a plunger lift, which impedes progress in sinking. I have communicated the rise west of No. 2 level with No. 1, and am now stoping the ground with fair prospects. The reef is 1ft 6in wide. The stopes in the back of No. 1 level are productive. I shall start to drive the No. 2 level (west) as soon as the shaft is sunk to its proper depth. The shaft will be sunk 70ft 6in before opening out, so that we may be down the exact depth of the New Chum Co.'s ground, making the total depth of our main shaft from the surface 214ft, which I consider quite deep enough for a plunger lift.

*New Chum.*—The mining manager reports under date the 21st inst.:—The mine continues to look very well, and some of the quartz I am raising from the stopes is very rich. For the week I have finished cutting the chamber, which is in 12ft from the shaft, and have driven the cross-cut 10ft; also completed the west level up to the West Chum boundary.

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*Golden Era.*—The mining manager writes under date the 19th inst.:—The eastern drive is in from cross-cut 70ft; reef 12in wide, showing gold, and more water making from the face. I have discontinued driving the levels for the present, and put all the men on stoping. The eastern (No. 2) stope is in from the rise 22ft, showing good gold; the western stope is also showing very good gold. I have delivered to battery 19 tons quartz.

*West Chum Extended.*—The mining manager reports on 21st inst.—I have sunk the shaft 24ft for the week, making a total of 174ft from surface. I am in good ground, black slate full of quartz leaders; the water is about the same. It is intended to continue sinking another fortnight before opening out.

*Queen's Birthday.*—The mining manager reports on 21st inst.—The drive going east is improving; the reef is about one foot thick and the walls well defined. I have driven for the week 16ft; making a total from cross-cut of 85ft; and have driven the western level 12ft, making 75ft from cross-cut. The reef here is rather broken at present, but from indications I expect an improvement not far ahead. I will start stoping at once and get out a crushing.

*Great Extended West Chum.*—The mining manager writes under date the 21st inst.—We have been driving the cross-cut for the greater part of the week; it is now in 72ft from the shaft; water is making very freely from the face. The country we are going through looks well. Water is coming from the west drive that was put in on the lode I cut.

*Caledonian.*—The mining manager reports on 21st inst.:—Since last report I have started the shaft, but owing to the difficulty of getting suitable timber have not made the progress I anticipated. I have now, however, overcome the difficulty, and shall commence timbering up at once, and also put three shifts on, so that I may press on with the shaft before the wet weather sets in. The ground has been all blasting from 8ft from the surface, but still what is termed good blasting country. We have sunk 14ft during the week, making a total of 22ft.

*Land o' Cakes.*—The mining manager reports under date 19th inst., that the distance driven is now 125ft, in very good country. Several leaders have been cut.

*Windermere.*—The mining manager reports, under date 19th inst.:—Driving has been continued in both the eastern and western faces during the week. The distance made in the eastern drive is 6ft, where the country is very hard. There is a nice run of stone in the face, and

where the country is very hard. There is a nice run of stone in the face, and colour can be got by crushing; the reef will improve in size and quality as the ground gets softer. The western drive has been extended another 12ft, and the country passed through has been one mass of flat leaders, until within a few feet of the present face, where driving changed into a more defined and better looking country. There has been stone for the whole distance, and prospects are much the same as in the eastern drive.

#### GOLGONDA.

*Queensland.* — The manager reports under date March 19th:—Since my last report the north level has been extended a distance of 9ft. The width of the lode is about three feet. The stopes are looking well throughout. The average width of stone is about 2ft 6in. For the week we have crushed about 70 tons of stone, and the amalgam taken off the plates and ripples amounts to 160oz. from ten head of stampers. The battery is working a good deal better since we put in the new shoes and false bottoms.

#### NORTH MOUNT CAMERON.

*South Royal Mint.* — The manager, Mr A. Corrie, has received information from a gentleman just returned from the claim that a prospecting shaft has been put down 20ft, and a small make of stone, only a thread at six feet from the surface, has opened out to a foot, carrying good gold. This shaft will be continued to a depth of 40ft if possible, when a drive will be opened out for the Royal Mint reef, which has been traced on the surface to the boundary of the South Mint.

*North Tasman.* — The mining manager reports on 18th instant that he has extended the tunnel 12ft during the week, making total length 202ft. The ground is much the same as when he last wrote, but he is still meeting with quartz leaders running in the same direction as he expects to cut the reef. From the position of the Royal Tasman reef, he now thinks he will have to drive further than he first anticipated. The men are still trenching on the top of the hill in the Royal Tasman claim close to the boundary of the North Tasman, and they continue to meet with rich specimens in the cuttings.

*Deskford.* — The mining manager reports on 18th inst. :—The shaft has been sunk 6ft during the week, making a total depth of 39ft. We have struck a reef in the shaft, with good prospects of gold, nine inches wide at the south end and fifteen inches at the north end, at the east side of shaft. From the appearance of the stone, which shows a large quantity of mundic, and looks well, I hope to see

of mundic, and looks well, I hope to see the Deskford prove equal to any claim on the line of reef. The reef is dipping to the south end of the shaft. I am continuing the cross-cut on the boundary of the Royal Mint claim, but have not yet cut the cross-reef of the Royal Mint, which, however, I expect to strike before long.