

GOLD.

The s.s. Flinders took to Melbourne yesterday, 1 parcel gold shipped by the Bank of Australasia, weighing 171 ozs., and valued at £684, and a parcel shipped by the Union Bank, weighing 23 ozs. 10 dwts., valued at £100.

A report was current yesterday afternoon that the Royal Tasman reef had been fairly cut in the workings 100ft from the southern boundary of the North Tasman, and had been found to be 5ft in width solid, showing gold freely. The news caused a brisk demand for North Tasman shares.

We are informed that intelligence reached town yesterday of a very satisfactory character respecting the Standard line of reef at North Mount Cameron, and caused a demand for shares. For promoters' interests (1-80ths) in the No. 1 North Royal Standard £50 was readily obtainable. Several large pieces of stone from the Royal Standard claim, sent up by the manager, Mr Parker, to Mr Corrie by the p.s. Avon, are being tested by Mr W. R. Woodgate, but on account of the large quantity under treatment, the result cannot be made known until to-day. At the Company's office pieces of the stone in which no gold could be detected by the naked eye, gave a capital show of gold when crushed and panned off. The stone is very similar to the Royal Tasman stone, and the gold is also similar. In some of the stone gold can be freely seen, some of it coarse. During the afternoon there was an increasing demand for these stocks. Royal Standard were sold at advances, and No. 1 South Standard, which at auction brought 5s 9d, were sold at 7s and up to 8s.

A meeting of promoters of the North Queensland Company will be held at Mr Meredith's office this evening, for the formation of a company.

Mr Leonard Anderson, the mining manager of the Royal Tasman Company, North Mount Cameron, returned by the s.s. Mangana yesterday from Melbourne, where he has been engaged in obtaining and superintending the making of the machinery, &c., for the claim. He reports that the plant and machinery, &c., have been shipped on board the schooner Warhawk, which left Williamstown for Ringarooma Port on Sunday morning. As fair winds are supposed to have been prevalent since, no doubt the schooner has had a swift and safe passage to her destination. It is satisfactory to know that Mr Anderson took the precaution to have the battery properly fitted and put together, and the boiler, &c., tested before he passed them. Just five weeks have elapsed from the time Mr Anderson landed in Melbourne until the plant was shipped. The shareholders may therefore rest assured that they have secured a

thoroughly good plant with all modern improvements, with expedition, and at a moderate cost. No time will now be lost in erecting the machinery, &c., and before long we hope to congratulate the Company on their successful operations.

A meeting of those interested in the Royal Treasury Company was held at Mr Kemp's office last night, for the formation of a company. It was decided to form a company under the above name, the capital to be £12,000 in £1 shares, issued as paid-up to 10s. Mr J. R. Kemp was appointed manager, and Messrs W. Sidebottom, H. W. Douglas, A. W. Brewer, J. Powell, R. J. Sadler, Aug. Simson, and P. Barrett directors. Messrs H. C. Littler and N. Westman were appointed auditors.

The adjourned case Ward v. Turner, which is a dispute relating to the West Royal Tasman Co.'s claim at North Mount Cameron, was to have come on again for hearing in Chambers before the Commissioner, Bernard Shaw, Esq., this morning, but as Mr Shaw is absent at Hobart would have had to be postponed again. Yesterday, however, the manager of the West Royal Tasman Company informed us that an amicable arrangement had been arrived at privately between the parties interested, and further litigation will not be proceeded with.

A meeting of the shareholders in the Ifracombe Company will be held at Captain Urquhart's office to-morrow evening.

Application is made to register the United Chums Company, Nine-Mile Springs.

Application is made to register the Imperial Gold Mining Company, Mussel Roe.

BEACONSFIELD.

Tasmania.—The mining manager reports that he has driven 44ft on the reef at the lower level. The reef is now opened out to 10ft wide, showing splendid gold from wall to wall. He has driven the main tunnel 12ft, leaving about 150ft to drive up to the east end of the top shaft. The eastern stopes at old tunnel show fair gold. The reef is from 4ft to 28ft wide. The stopes west of the top shaft show a little more gold this fortnight than last. King and Eastman are working the alluvial on a face westward. The face they are crushing from is 16ft high, all payable dirt.

Derwent.—The mining manager, under date 21st inst., reports:—The shaft is down 60ft from surface. I shall sink another 10ft and then open out. The quartz I mentioned in my last report has gone out of the shaft. I think we shall strike it again in cutting the chamber.

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BLUE TIER.

Victoria.—The mining manager writes on the 21st :—The tunnel is in 529 feet. The ground is very hard, and progress has been slow this fortnight. Water is still coming out of the face, increasing every foot driven. The country is well formed and settled.