

## GOLD.

Holders of interests in the West Queen's Birthday claim are requested to send in transfers as soon as possible for registration.

Applications are invited by Mr A. Reid for the situation of mining manager to the Star of the West Company, Minnaw River.

The tunnel of the Victoria claim, Blue Tier, is in 485ft, not 85ft as stated yesterday.

A meeting of shareholders in the East Grand Flaneur Company was held yesterday afternoon at the Mechanics' Institute. It was resolved that a Company be formed, the capital to consist of £10,000 in 10,000 shares of £1 each, paid up to 10s. Messrs P. Barrett, D. Campbell, T. K. Simpson, G. Orpwood, W. Webster, Sidebottom, and A. J. Harrison, were elected directors, Messrs N. Weetman and H. Littler appointed auditors, and Mr Owen Meredith, legal manager.

The prospectus is issued of the No. 2 North Grand Flaneur Co., Mussel Roe. This section is described as being on the Grand Flaneur line of reef, Mr M'Kenzie's section only dividing it from the Flaneur Co.'s ground. The interests of the present holders, Messrs Gill and G. O. Gilham, have been divided into 50 promoters' shares, 25 of which are offered to the public at £10 each. The capital of the Company, when formed, is to be £10,000 in one pound shares, so that each promoter's share carries 200 scrip.

## NINE-MILE SPRINGS.

*West Chum Extended.*—The mining manager writes under date 2nd March:—I started with the whim yesterday, and it is working well. I had bailed out about 50ft of the water by 6 p.m., and expect to have the water out and the men below to-day. The directors have accepted a contract for the sinking of the shaft to a further depth of 60ft.

## BEACONSFIELD.

*Tasmania.*—The mining manager writes under date the 1st March:—The stone I struck at the lower tunnel is 5ft wide, a good strong reef showing gold.

*Florence Nightingale.*—The mining manager reports on the 1st March:—During the past week the cross-cut going south has been extended 26ft, making a total distance from the shaft of 113ft. The level going west on the reef, has been driven 28ft. We are now in 40ft from the cross-cut. The reef in the face continues from 3ft to 3ft 6in wide, showing gold freely. The level going east on the reef, is now in 31ft. A slide came in in this drive (east), throwing the reef a little to the south, but it is now coming back towards its proper course. The stone in this face is 14in wide, the quality being

this face is 14in wide, the quality being the same as usual. I have commenced to put a rise in the western level preparatory to stopping. The little distance risen shows no alteration in size or quality of the reef. I am preparing to rise in the eastern level. The crushing is proceeding satisfactorily. I have about 60 tons of quartz in the hopper. The machinery and pumps are working well.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Mining matters are still looking healthy here, and most of the mines are in full work. The Queen is once more in full operation and the battery at work, and as the mine is now being worked on more economical principles than formerly, it is to be hoped that an improvement will soon be manifest in the general prospects of the company.

## BLUE TIER.

*Victoria.*—Good progress is still being made with tunnel, and about 70ft more will finish the contract. Operations in connection with erection of battery also proceeding satisfactorily.

*Gladstone.*—A contract has been let for driving 600ft along the reef; the stone is now heavily charged with mundic. Driving in the main tunnel suspended for a time. The manager, under date Feb. 28, writes as follows:—"The drive on the course of the reef is in 21ft, with improvement in the lode. I got a little gold in the stone on Saturday from a dish of rubble that I washed. I also got some very nice looking stone from the bottom of the level. Water is making in the level now, which seems to increase as we drive along the lode. The contractors will make a start in the morning if all is well. The main tunnel is in 34ft, still in broken country. I have suspended work in it for the time, but it might be as well to go in the further distance to see if there is any further change."

*Blue Tier.*—Driving on the reef northerly; stone of same quality as in the past.

*Old Chum.*—This claim is still being prospected, and I am informed that stone has been cut fully 4ft wide.

March 1.