

**GOLD.**

Highly satisfactory tests have been made of the stone forwarded by Mr Anderson from the reef in the Royal Tasman claim struck near the North Tasman and Royal Standard boundaries. We saw one piece crushed up, the result of which astonished the bystanders. While the stone was being crushed the precious metal could be distinctly seen in the small fragments of quartz, and small nuggety pieces as large as a big pin's head were readily picked out with the fingers. The residue on being panned off gave a beautiful yield of coarse heavy gold, of a much darker colour than any yet obtained from the main reef. Another sample of stone, weighing about a pound and a half, was submitted to a battery test, and yielded at the splendid rate of 37ozs. 7dwts. 21grs. of gold to the ton. The gold is of superior quality.

Mr A. Reid received a telegram yesterday from the mining manager of the Deep Lead Company, Back Creek, reporting that a gold bearing reef, 4ft wide, has been struck in the White Lead claim, running into the Deep Lead Company's ground. This news will be very satisfactory to the shareholders, and fuller particulars will be anxiously looked for.

The second call of sixpence per share has been made on the shares of the Royal Tasman Company, payable on April 11.

The first half-yearly meeting of the East New Chum Extended Company will be held at Mr J. R. Kemp's office this evening, for the election of directors, reception of reports, etc.

The manager of the West Tasmania Company, Beaconsfield, announces that a few shares are still unallotted, and the list will be closed on Tuesday next.

**BEACONSFIELD.**

*Rising Sun.* — The mining manager, under date March 28th, reports that the contractors have finished the contract, and have sunk 24½ft. The depth of the shaft is now 66ft. The lode narrowed a little during the last few days, but widened again, and is now about 3ft in

width. I have put the contractors on to drive along the lode on day wages.

**NINE-MILE SPRINGS.**

*South-West Chum.* — Mr Thos. L. Kitto, under date 26th instant, reports concerning the progress of the main shaft as follows:—At a depth of 20ft there was a cross leader struck, running south-west and north-east, and underlaying to the south-west, no doubt a feeder to a main lode. It was lost again at 72ft from the surface. It carried some very nice looking quartz with it, but there was no gold to be seen; the country was very soft. At 80ft there was another leader struck,

At 80ft there was another leader struck, running nearly on an east and west course, and underlaying to the south, with very nice soft slate country about the lode, carrying quartz and very heavily charged with pyrites. No one could wish to pass through a nicer country for gold than your shaft has passed through. As I before stated, I would advise the directors to open out at 140ft from the surface, and drive south.

*Windermere.* — The mining manager, under date 26th instant, reports:—The distance driven for the last fortnight is 39ft, viz, 23ft in the western drive, and 16ft in the eastern. There is little or no change in either faces, the country still being very hard in the east drive, and about the same size of stone as when I last wrote; in the west drive it is a little harder, but there is no change in the quality of stone.

*Land o' Cakes.* — The mining manager reports under date 26th instant:—Work is still progressing satisfactorily. I have cut a strong body of stone, and the country continues to look very promising.

**GOLGONDA.**

(From our own Correspondent.)

Since I last wrote this district has assumed quite a lively appearance, partly in consequence of the discovery of the Royal Treasury reef. I am informed the Messrs Brewer have undertaken to sink a shaft on the reef 20ft for the company at their own expense, after which the company purpose sending 20 tons of stone for a trial crushing to the Queensland Company's battery.

The Queensland reef continues about the same thickness, and the mining manager, Mr J. Thomson, informs me that at the battery the plates and ripples, with the amalgam in hand, look quite well enough for half an ounce to the ton.

At Panama the Messrs Counsel have entered into negotiations with the shareholders in a lease held by Mr Lumsden to prospect for the Panama reef, and seem to have every faith in their success. If the reef from which all the fine stone in the creek came from could be found, it would undoubtedly prove a valuable property.