

MINING NEWS.

GOLD.

A meeting of shareholders of the New Monkland Company will be held at Mr A. Reid's office on Friday evening, for election of legal manager, etc.

The first call of one penny per share has been made on the shares of Chum Consols Company, payable to-day.

Two gentlemen who returned from North Mount Cameron on Friday evening last state that the Royal Tasman claim looks better than ever in the tunnel. The reef is solid, showing coarse gold of an excellent quality.

A gentleman who has just returned from Lefroy reports that the shaft at the Windermere Company's claim is now down 31 feet, passing through some very nice gold-bearing stone. In the tunnel the reef is looking very well, and has increased to about 1ft. wide, getting larger as it goes down. A few nice specimens from the mine can be seen at Mr Andrew Reid's office.

LEFROY.

West New Chum.—The mining manager telegraphed on Saturday last that 228oz of amalgam had been obtained from the ripples and plates for the week, 150 tons stone having been put through the battery.

New Chum.—The battery manager reports that about 100 tons quartz were crushed for the week, which gave a return of 200 ounces amalgam from the plates and ripples.

BRACONSFIELD.

Florence Nightingale.—The mining manager reports that 55 tons quartz were crushed for the week, for a return of 160 ounces amalgam from the plates and ripples.

GLADSTONE (NORTH MOUNT CAMERON).

West Royal Tasman.—The mining manager, under date 7th inst., reports:—I am still driving south-east, and have cut two leaders in the drive, but have got no gold in them. I think I will cut the body of stone in a week if it has not gone under foot. The country looks well for getting the reef, as it is all black slate that I have gone through as yet.

BLUE TIER.

Rising Sun.—The mining manager, under date 10th inst., reports:—The lode is well defined, and about 4ft wide. The depth of the shaft is about 60ft, and length of drive along the lode is 30ft.

MATHINNA.

City.—The mining manager, under date 8th inst., reports:—"There was more stone to crush for the Ballancea G.M. Co. than I thought, there being 25 tons in all. It is miserably poor; I have crushed some 9 or 10 tons and do not

tons in all. It is miserably poor; I have crushed some 9 or 10 tons, and do not think there is an ounce of amalgam in the plates, and there is plenty of mullock in it.—*Mercury.*

MANGANA.

Alpine.—The mining manager, under date 4th inst., reports:—This week Mr Goodall and I have been all over the mine, both under ground and over the surface. There are certainly plenty of reefs, large and good-looking, both on Buckland's and to the north of it. They are seen on the surface, but it appears to me that they cannot live when they get down into the hard country. On the surface a little to the north of our present workings the country changes for the better, the slate being softer, and I hope we will find it so by driving. The contractors have sunk 15ft. for the fortnight, but there is no stone at present in the bottom of the shaft. The head-wall has still a heavy underlay to the west, and the west reef, if it extends as far to the north as our present shaft, must go off at the same underlay as the one we are working, otherwise we must have broken into it with the shaft. But we have seen no sign of it.—*Mercury.*