

GOLD.

The sample of Royal Tasman stone brought to town from Gladstone by Mr Bennell was yesterday crushed and panned off, and a very nice prospect of gold was obtained. The gold was on view at Mr O. Meredith's office during the afternoon.

A very rich sample of stone from the Windermere reef was recently brought to town from Lefroy by Mr Dee, and was yesterday on view at Mr A. Reid's office, Brisbane-street. The stone is of a similar description to that previously obtained from the mine, and shows coarse nuggety gold freely.

By the s.s. Flinders, which left yesterday for Melbourne, the Bank of Tasmania shipped a parcel containing 265oz. of gold, valued at £1000. The Bank of Australasia also shipped a parcel which contained 121oz. of gold, valued at £464.

A call (the third) has been made in the Deep Lead Company, payable on 1st July.

Tenders are invited for sinking a shaft on the Windermere Company's claim, Lefroy.

Application is made to register the East Try Again Company, Back Creek. A call (the first) of one penny per share has been made in this Company, payable at the office of the manager, Mr H. Turner, on Tuesday.

LEFROY.

Eastern Prince.—The mining manager reports, under date June 22, that the drive in the 50ft level is now in 20ft, and water is beginning to make in the face, an indication that the reef cannot be many feet away. He had struck a north and south reef, over two inches wide, with nice-looking stone, on the west side of the drive, and had also passed through several good-looking leaders well charged.

New Native Youth.—The mining manager reports on the 23rd inst. :—I have started to sink No. 2 (Excelsior) shaft to connect with the drive at 320ft from the Youth. At this level (320ft) I expect to have a change by the end of this week by the small threads of quartz that are coming in the face. At the 450ft level the ground is still hard. I am now driving on the hanging wall, being able to make better headway on that. I am still raising stone from the stopes, and the battery is now working two shifts.

West Chum Extended.—The mining manager writes on the 23rd inst. :—I have now eight inches of stone with gold in it, and can get a fair prospect out of it. In the present level this shoot of gold is close to the cross-course, and in the upper level it was about 40ft from it, so it shows that it lengthens on going down. There is every indication of the stone making, and water is coming out all over the face. The western level is in over 100ft, and

The western level is in over 100ft, and more or less stone in it all the distance; for the last 50ft I have had from 2ft to 2ft 6in of stone, but could not see any gold in it.

PLUS TIER.

Gladstone.—Under date 17th inst., the

mining manager writes :—“There is not much change in the tunnel, the ground is harder than it has been, and it is also getting tough in the end. There is just a little water running out, and I think we are coming near a change of some kind or other.” He again writes on the 21st inst. :—“Since my last report the drive has been extended 12ft. The ground has been very hard and we are obliged to use powder. There is water coming out of the face, and it is increasing as we drive on. On Saturday I cut some quartz, from which I got a little gold in the dish. I believe we are near a change of some kind, as the country is more defined than when we first started the present drive.”

Who Can Tell.—The mining manager reports that he is sinking the main shaft, and is down about 20ft. The surface water is troublesome.

BEACONSFIELD.

Rising Sun.—The mining manager reports that work was resumed on 21st inst., getting ladders into shaft and preparing for sinking a winze on the lode. There appears to be every probability of this lode proving to be a rich copper ore, some splendid specimens of copper ore having lately been obtained from it.

Koh-i-noor.—A few days ago the mining manager came across some good prospects in this mine. Fair prospects of fine gold continues to be obtained both by washing and crushing the stone.

Tasmania.—The mining manager writes on the 23rd inst. :—The stone in the lower level is 6ft wide, and shows gold freely.