

GOLD.

The Mangana, which arrived from Melbourne on Saturday, brought the additional five-head of stampers and connections for the Royal Tasman Co.'s battery at Gladstone, and they will be sent on to the claim by the next trip of the Avon.

Elsewhere we publish some notes on the claims at Gladstone, furnished by a new correspondent who has recently settled in this colony, and who has had some twenty years' experience in mining.

Applications are made to register the East Windermere and Land o' Cakes companies, Lefroy.

The adjourned extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the New Native Youth Co. will be held at the office of Mr R. H. Price on Friday evening. Intending applicants for the new issue of shares in this Company are reminded that the share list closes on Thursday next.

LEFROY.

New Chum.—The battery manager telegraphed on Saturday that about 120 tons quartz had been crushed for the week, which gave a return of 255 ozs amalgam from plates and ripples.

BEACONSFIELD.

Tasmania.—The mining manager telegraphed on Saturday morning to the manager, Mr R. H. Price, that he had just struck the reef in the lower tunnel, showing good gold, but it would take a few shifts to reach the foot wall. On Saturday evening he telegraphed as follows:—"I have bored 2ft into the reef struck this morning; the stone is solid and strong, and from the borings I got splendid prospects. The reef in the lower level from the Golden Gate has opened out to 7ft in width, with rich stone."

Prince Consort.—The mining manager, under date 24th June, reports:—"I have found a new reef, and believe it will prove payable. The stone is about 3ft wide, and I can see a little gold in the stone, but can get good prospects by crushing. I shall have to continue on with the drive for about 100ft further, and shall have near 100ft of backs. The tunnel is in now about 190ft, and the country hard. I believe the eastern reef will junction with the new one at the depth I intend to cut it."

MANGANA.

Alpine.—The mining manager reports on 18th June:—"The contract for sinking the shaft was finished on Friday, 10th inst., and tenders have been called for driving 100ft. north from the bottom of the shaft, and in the meantime the men have been employed driving on the stone mentioned in my last report, and getting the shaft timbered and ready for driving at the

in my last report, and getting the shaft timbered and ready for driving at the bottom. The stone where the men are driving is about a foot wide, and gold is seen in it. I have been most of the week getting the pump rods and pumping gear ready. I have been trying to let the west reef on a tribute, but have got no definite reply. The water is considerably heavier than when we commenced to sink. I have received tenders for sinking, at £3 10s. and £2 18s. per foot, but have not accepted any of the tenders yet. The stone

is very hard, and contractors cannot make more than £2 per week per man.

GLADSTONE.

Royal Mint.—The mining manager reports, under date the 24th inst.:—"The tunnel has been driven 27ft for the fortnight, making the total distance 128ft; the ground has been very hard, but from the appearance of the face the ground seems to be better. The winze is down 28ft 6in and timbered to the bottom; the stone is still carrying down strong. Reef 6ft in thickness, stone showing gold. The contractors for erection of battery, etc., have got the piles and foundation-blogs for houses in position, and are now erecting battery houses. The contractor for carting the machinery is getting on well with his work, the weather having been fine for the past week."

(From our own Correspondent.)

In mining matters everything is progressing very favourably. The fact of the North Tasman striking the reef, with payable gold showing in it in their shaft, has raised the hopes of all other claimholders on that line, and all of them anticipate being equally fortunate.

The Royal Tasman are busily engaged in erecting their battery of fifteen heads, and expect to be in full swing in a few weeks, and swelling the export of gold from Tasmania to a considerable extent. Whilst on the subject of the Royal Tasman, I may as well give my opinion of that claim. When in Launceston a few weeks back, I was told all sorts of yarns about it. That it did not go down, and that you could not see any gold in the stone, and only obtain some in crushing, and very little then. Now, I can safely refute these statements, as I have examined the mine and the stone, and in an experience of twenty years' quartz mining, I never saw a better defined lode, or a reef showing gold so well diffused through the stone, and that to be seen with the naked eye; certainly, the gold is very fine, but it is all the better for that, as, in my experience, it is all the more likely to last.

The Royal Mint are getting up their machinery from the Port, prior to erecting it. They have let a contract for the cartage, and at a very stiff figure, too. It requires money to bring anything up here just now in the condition the roads are in. It is one "Slough of Despond" from here to the Port, and the large amount of traffic that is on it now is making it worse. The Government ought surely to expend some of the enormous revenues they are receiving from this district on the roads. The price of cartage from the Port is £2 10s per ton, being simply ridiculous.

the Port is £2 10s per ton, being simply ridiculous for a distance of ten miles, when, if a proper road were made, it could be done for half the money. All parties engaged in mining are doing honest work, and I have seldom seen so little "shepherding," or "holding on to the slack."

In tin mining, sluicing operations are being carried on vigorously, and with every success. This is the tin-sluicers harvest, during the wet season. It is a pity a plentiful supply of water could not be brought on to this district; the tin returns would be more than quadrupled. There is an experiment being tried here at present on the Moa Tin Mining Co.'s lease, held by Messrs Meats, Lamond and Co. They are erecting an engine to force water up a distance of 60 perpendicular feet for sluicing purposes. If the affair is a success there is a great future for this district in tin alone, as there will be hundreds of these pumps along the Ringarooma river, the quantity of tin-bearing ground being almost unlimited. We have the representative of Noble and Co., of Glasgow, dynamite manufacturers, on a visit here, a Mr Robly, who certainly seems the right man in the right place; he is evidently a practical man, and seems to well know the power of his explosive. He has been experimenting with it, and every one who has seen its work speaks very highly of it.

In amusements we have had Signor Raphael and family for three nights, and I think he had a payable time of it, as the room at Mr Pearce's, of the Royal Standard Hotel, was crowded every night.

There are great improvements going on at Gladstone, and it promises to be an important township ere long. Building operations are being carried on in all directions, and some very handsome and commodious buildings are now erected, indeed the hotel accommodation is equal to anything out of Launceston, and Hosts Gilham and Pearce are all that could be desired in the shape of "bonifaces." I think the Government are fairly warranted to expend some of the money they will receive from the coming land sale on the 28th, when they will net several hundreds. There is a fair field for the expenditure of it in forming and gravelling the main street in Gladstone, which is now in a very primitive state. A little money expended in this manner would make a great improvement in the township.

I notice that a petition is going the rounds for signature, asking for a representative for this district; it is being numerously signed, as it ought to be. We certainly think that this district ought to have a representative in the House, as from its population, position, and wealth in all branches of mining, it will be the most prosperous mining district in Tasmania.