

GOLD.

The Tasmania Company, Beaconsfield, have declared a dividend, the 32nd, of £1 10s per share, payable at the office of Mr R. H. Price on Wednesday. The amount of this dividend is £4500, and the dividend tax payable on it is £168 15s. In all the Company has declared dividends amounting to £44 15s per share, or a total of £134,250. In our last issue an error was made with regard to the companies the Tasmania battery is crushing for. The battery resumed crushing on Friday evening with 40 head for the Tasmania Co., and 10 head for the Florence Nightingale Company.

The result of the crushing of the crushing of 650 tons washdirt at the Queen Company's claim, Beaconsfield, mentioned in our last issue, has proved more satisfactory, than anticipated, despite the fact that the mining manager was unable to get at the best run of wash. The gold was brought to town yesterday, and when weighed at the bank proved to be just 56oz, which would make the average yield 1dwt. 19grs per ton.

Application is made to register the Just in Time Company, Back Creek, under the Mining Companies Limited Liability Act, 1869.

GLADSTONE (NORTH MOUNT CAMERON).

Royal Tasman.—Mr L. J. Anderson, the mining manager, reports on 4th inst., as follows :—Since my last weekly report the tunnel has been extended 10ft.—total, 80ft; the last 9ft in stone, and not through it yet. The reef carries rich gold all through. The reef is underlaying east fast, and I expect to go two or three feet more before getting the hanging wall. You will see I am in the distance estimated to go through the reef, but on account of its strong underlay east it is going to be a little further than the 80ft. The shaft on No. 2 reef has been sunk another 4ft, and timbered 10ft (two men). There is no change in the reef. The house over machinery is progressing well, and will be covered in early on Monday, weather permitting. The funnel is in its place. Mr Anderson adds that he has given Mr McCaveston (mining manager of the North Tasman), the required permission to trace the main reef from the present workings on the Royal Tasman into the North Tasman claim under certain restrictions.

West Tasman.—The mining manager reports on 2nd inst. :—During the fortnight I have extended the cross-cuts 9ft south and 9ft north; the water is not increasing, and I shall continue cross-cutting north and south. I have also put on one man to trench on the Royal Mint Co.'s claim to trace the reef into the West Tasman claim.

South Royal Standard.—The mining

manager reports on 2nd inst. :—I am still sinking alongside the reef with one shift only, as good labour is scarce, and I cannot get good men.

North Standard.—The mining manager reports on 2nd inst. :—I have put on six men, but cannot say much at present as the shaft is full of water. Mr McKenzie, one of the directors, who has visited the claim, will be able to give you full particulars on his return.

North Extended Tasman.—The mining manager reports on 3rd instant :—During the week I have opened out the cross-cut east and west from the shaft. The western cross-cut is driven 10ft, ground rather hard but of nice formation, and a little water is oozing out of the face. The eastern cross-cut is driven 10ft, through good working ground. The size of shaft is 6ft by 3ft 3in, not 6ft by 6ft 6in, as reported in *Examiner* of 24th May.

North Tasman.—The mining manager reports on 3rd instant :—I have driven the tunnel 17ft for the week, making its total length 378ft. There is no change in the country since my last reports. I have sunk the shaft on the line of No. 2 reef 8ft for the week, but have cut nothing as yet, though I am in hopes of cutting the reef every day. The ground going west is mixed with quartz, from which I expect the line of the Royal Tasman reef is close at hand. I will see Mr L. J. Anderson with regard to the instructions received from the directors, to obtain his permission to trace the line of reef from the Royal Tasman Co.'s ground into the North Tasman claim, and have no doubt he will accede to the request. The reef in the Royal Tasman is looking well, shows good gold, and keeps the full size as it goes down, and it will be something wonderful if we do not get it in the North Tasman ground.

Lady Tasman.—The acting mining manager reports, on 3rd inst. :—We have got the chamber secured, and have driven 12ft, and are in a very fine slate country, in which, when we get a little further ahead, we will be able to drive at a very reasonable cost.

Grand Centre.—The mining manager reports on 4th inst. :—We have driven 8ft for the week, and cut the reef at 45ft, the drive being now in 50ft, and on the line of reef. The reef is from 1ft to 2ft 6in wide, making as it goes down, but very much broken up and mixed. I can see no gold in the stone, but can wash a little from the rubble, and also by crushing the stone. The present drive is 35ft from our boundary, and I think by sinking a shaft 100ft or 150ft from the boundary to the depth of 60ft or 80ft, the reef would be there found stronger and better, but we should want a new windlass and

but we should want a new windlass and good timber. I intend to erect a blacksmith's shop, and also to trench for the Royal Standard reef.

Progress.—The acting mining manager reports on 3rd inst. :—I have nothing of any importance to report since my last

total length from shaft 12ft. Have not yet broken any stone here, as it is too near the shaft, but I will commence to-day and carry the stone along with the level. The stone now obtained will be kept separate from that broken in the cross-cut.

BACK CREEK.

Deep Lead.—The mining manager reports on 4th inst. :—The shaft is now down 92ft. We have been hindered during the week with several large basalt boulders, which had to be spalled before we could get them up, otherwise the sinking is not very hard. I shall stop sinking next week to get the shaft timbered up to the brace, and other necessary top work done, after which we will resume sinking with the aid of the engine, as everything in connection with the engine and winding gear will be finished this evening. The craft has arrived from the Don with 1389ft of the 5000ft of sawn timber ordered; the sawyers have cut the logs we had drawn in, and I have arranged to get a few more brought in, and we will start next week to cover in the engine.

Try Again.—The mining manager reports on 4th inst. :—I have sunk the shaft 11ft during the week, making its total depth from brace 44ft. The ground has been hard slate, requiring the use of powder. I will open out at 50ft, and drive before the water gets too heavy. I propose, if the directors approve, to go on with the shaft in Birkett's section, taking two men from the shaft above mentioned, as two will be sufficient there for a week or two.

Holdfast.—The mining manager reports on 4th inst. :—During the past week the shaft has been sunk 8ft, making a total of 52ft from surface. The country is beginning to get hard, but I think it is only a bar, there being any quantity of small leaders, and have no doubt that when I do open out I shall be able to report something good, as the country is very nice looking country for a reef. A blacksmith's shop has been erected, and I will keep on sinking as far as I can with the windlass before opening out. Next week I shall put on three shifts.

LEFROY.

New Native Youth.—The mining manager reports on 6th inst. :—I have to report that I have the track of the lode going west through the bar, three inches in thickness, and can see gold in the stone. I have started to open out to follow it.

Golden Era.—The mining manager writes on the 6th inst. :—I have the opening set in and am in 14ft with the cross-cut. The ground is very soft in the face.

Great Extended West Chum.—The mining manager reports on the 6th inst. :

I have sunk the shaft 11ft for the week, making a total depth of 21ft, and I have also a man trenching on the line of reef.

Golden Age.—The mining manager reports on 3rd inst. :—The shaft is now down 67ft from the surface, and the water has not increased during the week. I am in hopes the present fine weather will continue, as it will help us greatly in sinking. We have cut 3ft into the foot-wall side of the reef in the drive, and it is still the same broken reef as cross-cut through near the shaft, with more sandstone intermixed.

Royal Mint.—The mining manager writes on the 4th inst. :—I have driven the tunnel 11ft for the week, making a total of 88ft from entrance. We are now 20ft inside of our ground, and 112ft more will put us up to where the winze is started, but I expect it will be 125ft before we cut the reef, as it underlays into the hill. The winze has been sunk 6ft 6in. and timbered; the reef is a well defined body of stone, carrying gold walls down, and is 4ft 9in wide. The stone looks well for gold and is full of mineral, and by crushing I can get a fair prospect. Next week I hope to have two shifts in the winze. The trainway cutting, owing to the wet weather in the beginning of week, has not got on quite so fast as I expected, but now as we are getting a little fine weather they are doing better.

Fly-by-Night.—The manager reports on the 4th inst. :—I have sunk the shaft a further depth of 6ft, making a total depth of 49ft from surface. I have started to open out on the western side of shaft, making ready for cross-cutting.

South Mint.—The mining manager reports on 4th instant :—The shaft has been sunk with two shifts 7ft 6in for the week, as we have got into hard ground. The shaft is now down 35ft 6in, in clean sandstone country, making a little water, about three gallons per hour. I intend when able to put on a couple more men, but men are difficult to get. The weather has been fine for the past two days.

Royal Standard.—The mining manager reports on 3rd instant :—During the week the level north has been extended 6ft, making total distance from shaft 18ft. I have taken down about 3ft in width of stone, from which I have obtained a little gold on crushing in a mortar. The south level has been extended 8ft, making its total length from shaft 12ft. Have not yet

mining manager reports on the 6th inst. :—I have sunk the shaft 14ft for the week, making a total depth of 168ft. The ground is not quite so hard, and I have a little more water. I have cut some strong leaders from 4 to 5 inches wide, and small leaders all over the shaft.

East Golden Era.—The mining manager reports on 4th inst. :—I have let a contract for the erection of a whim, work to be commenced on Monday, and I expect, weather permitting, it will be finished in about a fortnight.

United Chums.—Contractors are down 48ft with the main shaft, and are now engaged in erecting a whim.

East New Chum Extended.—The drive from the shaft was in 43ft on 4th inst., the country being favourable for carrying a reef.

East New Chum.—The mining manager reports on 4th inst. :—I have entered the south drive a further distance of 8ft, making total distance from shaft 79ft. The country is about same as last reported, several small quartz veins having been cut, and water making from the face.

Windermere.—The mining manager reports on 4th inst. :—During the week I have extended the tunnel a further distance of 7ft; the ground still keeps very hard, and the stone is much the same size and prospects well. There is more water coming from the face than I have had at any time, so I expect a change of country soon. In the shaft I am down 20ft, all timbered. The stone is not quite so strong as it was when I started, owing to a few feet of leaders, but it is still carrying gold. If the sinking gets no harder than at present, I think in three weeks from now I will be able to connect it with the level, when I shall be in a position to start stoping.

South West Chum.—The acting mining manager reports on 6th inst. :—During the fortnight there has been 28ft driven, making the total distance from shaft 76ft. The ground passed through consists of a soft blue slate, intermixed with quartz. At 66ft in, the track of a lode was passed through, underlying south, and by appearances there must be quartz further ahead, as the country is much disturbed, and a little water is coming out of the face. The contractors are doing their work well.

West Chum Extended.—The mining manager reports on the 6th inst. :—I have driven west 13ft for the week, making a total distance of 72ft. I have no stone

now in this face, but expect I will soon get it again, for the water is coming in very freely. The eastern face I have stopped, and started driving north, as a cross course came in and cut the lode off. I am in 7ft, and have cut a leader one

cross course came in and cut the lode off. I am in 7ft, and have cut a leader one inch wide, very nice stone and full of pyrites. The stone in the stopes is rather smaller than last reported.

Queen's Birthday.—The mining manager reports on the 4th inst. :—I have driven then eastern drive 17ft, making a total from cross-cut of 158ft. On Friday last I came on a break in the lode, this being the only break for 75ft. I continued on the course of the reef, and after driving 4ft I came on the back of a new make of stone, which I think will be a great improvement to the one previously driven through. I washed a dish from the rubble of the quartz and obtained a fair prospect of fine gold, and also saw gold freely in the stone. The reef is about 15in wide, and still improving. The water is troublesome.

New Chum.—The mining manager reports on 4th inst. :—The mine continues to look first rate, every face showing good gold. I have driven the western level 10ft for the week, and the reef is 4ft wide. The eastern level I have driven 8ft, the reef being 3ft wide. I have sunk the western winze 12ft, the reef being 3ft 6in wide, and the eastern winze 13ft, reef 2ft wide. I have done very little towards sinking the shaft this week.

West New Chum.—The mining manager telegraphed on Saturday that 111 tons stone had been crushed for the week, and 188oz amalgam obtained from plates and ripples. On 6th inst. he reports that the reef struck at the lower level proves to be 4ft 9in wide, carrying gold, but is greatly broken up. Writing on the 6th inst. the mining manager says :—I have much pleasure in informing you the reef struck in No. 3 level is 4ft 9in between the walls, broken, but carrying gold. In No. 2 level the winze being sunk 9ft from the Chum's boundary is down 20ft; width of reef, 2ft 6in, carrying good payable stone. No. 2 winze, near the cross-cut, 246ft from the Chum's boundary, is down 30ft; reef, 2ft wide, and also producing payable stone. I have again started to drive the western end in this level. The reef is pinched, but I think it will soon open out again. The stopes between Nos. 1 and 2 levels are just the same as last reported. In No. 1 level I have resumed driving; the reef is small. The shaft men are nearly ready to fix the plunger. The boiler is built in and housed, and the machinery is all in good working order.

Caledonian.—The mining manager reports on 6th inst. :—In my last report I stated that I expected to connect the No. 2 shaft with the 80ft level in a day or two, and I have since done so, and started to drive east and west at the 80ft level. Although we have not driven much there is a change in the west drive; the lode is making wider and is about

much there is a change in the west drive ; the lode is making wider, and is about 2ft in the bottom of the drive. In the east drive I do not expect much change till I get away from the slide. We have driven 6ft east. I put the two men who were sinking to drive on the run of gold in No. 2 shaft, and am glad to inform you they are taking out specimens daily similar to what have been shown at your office. To all appearance the run is dipping west.

MUSKEL ROE.

Blue Bell.—The mining manager reports on 3rd inst. :—I have driven for the week 8ft east and 6ft west, making the eastern drive 30ft, and the western 24ft from the cross drive. In the eastern drive we have come to a cross course similar to what we drove on from the shaft, and have cut into it about 2ft, and fancy there is a foot wall about 2ft from the original line of foot wall, with a foot of quartz and pipeclay intermixed, such as I have not before seen in the mine. There is very little alteration in the western drive since my last report, but it is making a good deal more water. In stopping from 11 p.m. on Saturday to 1 a.m. on Monday, it took 29 hours to bail out the water, and as we are likely to have a whip or whim erected I have stopped this shaft till further orders. I have cut a pole in the bush for a whip, and will have it carted in to-day, but if you decide on having a whip I shall want two light pulley wheels. I have started the men on the reef at the back of the blacksmith's shop, and will continue working here till a whip or whim is erected, or further instructions received from you. On 4th inst. the mining manager writes :—I have seen Messrs Campbell and M'Kenzie (directors) at the port, and they will visit the claim on Monday or Tuesday, and will no doubt decide upon future operations.

Grand Flaneur.—The mining manager reports on 3rd inst. :—I have only three men at present, but expect to get the required number from Mount Cameron by the end of the week, and start sinking with three shifts on Monday. The shaft timber arrived at the Port on the 28th ult., but I was unable to obtain a team to cart it to the claim till 1st inst.

GOLCONDA.

Queensland.—The mining manager reports on 4th inst. :—Since my last we have formed eight chains of the tramway, ready for the reception of sleepers and ballast, but the weather has not been favourable for surface work, and should it keep fine during next week, I expect to make greater progress. The gradients have not exceeded one foot in twelve. I have found great difficulty in getting sawyers for the timber required. During the week we have made a cutting of about 4ft in depth, and raised an embankment

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BRACONSFIELD.

Prince Consort.—The mining manager reports on 6th inst. :—I have driven for this week 10ft., making a total distance of 160ft. The ground is becoming more settled ; I have cut several leaders, and from the indications cannot be far from a reef.

Welcome.—The mining manager reports on 4th inst. :—I have struck stone just as I was knocking off this evening. It was pricked in the back of the drive, and I knocked off about four inches from the face of it, but did not succeed in finding gold. I cannot say anything positive about it yet, but it seems very hard. I will report more fully in a day or two.

Florence Nightingale.—The mining manager reports on 6th instant :—The stone in the stopes continues about the same size and quality. I have driven the north cross-cut 20ft for the week, making the total distance from shaft 44ft. Should the weather keep fine for burning the bricks, I hope to be ready for the bricklayers to build in the boiler next week.

Lefroy.—The mining manager reports on 4th instant :—The contractors have sunk and timbered during the last fortnight 20ft, your shaft being now sunk and timbered to the depth of 87ft. It is not making any more water, the shaft being comparatively dry, saving a little alluvial drainage.

BLUE TIER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Gladstone.—Driving along the level in the direction of the Victoria workings from main level. Distance driven about 22ft. As the drive proceeds the prospects improve, and gold is now obtainable from the rubble.

Cooper's Lease.—Some nice samples of gold said to have come from the reef on this section were shown about the town this evening. If the prospects are genuine they speak well for the future of this claim.

Who Can Tell.—Have not started the main shaft yet, owing to the wet state of the country, and not having timber.

Victoria.—Country solid. Expect to cut the reef hourly.
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