

MINING NEWS.

GOLD.

From a private letter received in town from Gladstone, dated the 29th June, we are informed that the reef in the winze being sunk on the Royal Mint claim is very strong, the stone being 6ft. wide, showing gold, and good prospects are obtained by crushing. The stone is improving every foot they sink, and they appear to be getting on well with the tunnel and tramway, and are also making a good show with the erection of machinery, nearly all of which, except the boiler and engine, is on the ground.

LEFROY.

Chance.—The mining manager, writing under date July 1st, reports that he cannot tell what the stone is like yet. He had just got through it in the back of the drive. There was about 18in. of reef, and really good-looking stone for gold—a deal of mundic being in it.

West New Chum.—The mining manager reported by telegraph on Saturday that the week's scraping of the ripples and plates gave 348oz. of amalgam, the quantity of stone put through being 200 tons.

BEACONSFIELD.

Florence Nightingale. — The mining manager reports under date 2nd inst.:—I ceased pumping at 12 o'clock last night to connect the boilers; while doing so I will give the machinery an overhaul. I will get through with the connection as soon as possible.

SALISBURY (BLUE TIER).

Victoria.—The mining manager reports on the 30th ult.:—The drive north from the tunnel has been extended 10ft. since last report. The water is again increasing in the face, but I think we shall have a change very soon. The stone I reported has left the drive, and is running more west than the tunnel is going. I have sunk the winze 8ft. since last report, and I have now sunk 26ft. in the foot wall. The ground is a little harder, and there is not much water in the winze. I am going on with the tramway and water race.

GLADSTONE.

Golden Age.—The mining manager, under date July 29th, reports:—This evening I cut the capping of a reef in a trench, 57ft. from the S.W. side line, and 28ft. from the N.W. side line. Since seeing Mr Anderson's report of the break to the east of 8ft. in his shaft, I have run the line 20ft. to the west of the North Royal Tasman shaft, and 8ft. to the east of the Royal Tasman shaft, which brings me to within a foot or two of the spot where

to within a foot or two of the spot where the capping alluded to above is cut. I cannot yet say if the find is important, but consider it advisable to apprise you by to-night's post, as it may ultimately prove to be the real thing.

MANGANA.

Alpine.—The mining manager reports on 25th June:—I sent the men to drive north at the bottom of the stone where it left the shaft, to prove whether the stone dipped or pitched to the north, as we supposed it had from indications we had seen in sinking, as shown in a sketch I sent down. This was at about 34ft. from the top of the shaft, and now after driving 8ft. I find the stone is not improving down as was supposed. I am afraid it is only a "blow." Believing it to be so, I thought it advisable not to let the contract at the bottom of the shaft at present. Until I have proved it further where I am driving, I thought the best course to adopt was to drive on the best stone in the shaft, and to follow it along for some distance, to thoroughly prove whether it goes down, runs over, or runs out altogether, cutting under. I let the contract to Hall and party, to drive north from the shaft on the best stone for the same price they received for sinking. The pumping gear and fluming will be ready for a start next week. I will get up steam and try them.