

GOLD.

Messrs. Adams and Hardwicke brought to our office on Saturday afternoon several very nice specimens of alluvial gold that had been obtained by them on the eastern side of Mount Barrow. The locality is about 26 miles from Launceston, at the head of the Camden rivulet, a tributary of the St. Patrick. The gold was taken from the bed of the creek, and is of very fine quality. After stripping four or five inches of silt there is about six inches of washdirt, and in nine days two men got nearly two ounces, and it is believed that several pounds weight have been obtained there. The gold has evidently been shed from a reef at no great distance, and the appearance of the country favours the belief that the precious metal is widely distributed. Messrs. Adams and Hardwicke have taken up four sections, and others are being pegged off. When they left ten men were engaged, and two or three more were met going there. As the fine weather comes in it is probable that a good many diggers will give the place a trial, as tolerable wages are nearly certain, with the chance of meeting something good. It can scarcely be doubted that some rich reefs are in the vicinity.

Mr R. H. Price received a telegram on Saturday evening from the mining manager of the Victoria Company (Salisbury), reporting that the stopes are looking well, gold showing freely in the stone. He had also got gold in the bottom level, and would be ready to commence crushing on Monday. The directors and manager leave town this morning for the claim, in order to be present at the starting of the battery.

The directors of the West Chum Extended Company (Lefroy) have decided to erect machinery on the claim and sink the shaft a further depth of 100ft.

In another column appears the prospectus of the Dundee Co., Beaconsfield, which is being formed to work a 14-acre section on Brandy Creek, where the Messrs John and William Dally have been prospecting for some time past. Two shafts have been sunk on the claim, one 70ft and the other 50ft in depth, and in both good stone has been discovered carrying gold in promising quantity. The promoters offer four-fifths of the property for 4000 shares paid up to 10s each, and a sum of £600 to recoup them for outlay incurred. 16,000 shares are offered to the public for a payment of 2s per share, and out of the money so raised £1000 will be placed to the credit of the Company. Mr T. O. Just is the agent for the promoters.

Notice is given that all shares in the West Chum Extended Company, on which

the sixth call of 1s is not paid by 1st September, will be liable to forfeiture.

A call (the 14th), of 2d per share has been made in the Nine Mile Springs Prospecting Association, payable at Lefroy on 27th inst.

Tenders are invited in sections for driving a tunnel on the Olive Branch Co.'s claim, Beaconsfield.

Notice is given that all shares in the Royal Standard Company, on which the second call of 3d is not paid by 20th inst., will be liable to forfeiture.

Notice is given that all shares in the Victoria Company upon which the seventh call of 1s is not paid by 1st September, will be liable to forfeiture.

Mining managers report as under:—

LEFROY.

New Chum.—August 13—There have been 180 tons quartz crushed for the week, with a return of 388oz amalgam from plates and ripples.

West New Chum.—August 13—The scraping from the ripples and plates for the week ended to-day gave 246oz of amalgam, from 158 tons of stone crushed.

GLADSTONE.

Royal Tasman.—August 10—"Restarting of the battery, all is going on well. I shall be ready on Saturday, 20th inst., but will again advise you of it. You will be glad to hear of No. 2 reef looking and proving so well. It is a grand solid body of stone, that will tell its own tale. I am glad to say I have got all my plant up at last, and will have all connected to-morrow. You have not had a mistake in anything. We have had a great many visitors round this week."

North Tasman.—August 10—"I am 7ft. in and not through the reef as yet. I get gold in the easing. It is my opinion that we have a large reef. Mr Burke has got the surveyor to make a correct plan of the tunnel and all the workings." [We have had an opportunity of inspecting the plan referred to. This plan shows that the tunnel was commenced at a point within the western boundary 2 chains 6 links from the northern boundary of the Royal Tasman claim, and runs in a north-easterly direction, and if continued right through to the eastern boundary it would be 3 chains 90 links from the northern boundary of the Royal Tasman, and 477ft. 9½in. in length. The reef, however, was struck at 425ft., or 52ft. 9in. from the eastern boundary, and it is underlaying at an angle of about 45deg. to the south-west. The No. 2 shaft (i.e., the shaft on the line of the tunnel) is 65ft. 4in. west of the reef. The No. 1 shaft, where the reef was first got, is close to the north boundary of the Royal Tasman. This information will be reassuring to shareholders, some of whom have been exercised lately by reports most indu-

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shareholders, some of whom have been exercised lately by reports most industriously circulated to the effect that the reef had been cut in the tunnel on the extreme edge of the claim, and was underlaying to the east, or right out of it.]

Royal Mint.—August 10—Hope to have boiler on the claim on Friday; getting on well with the tramway. They are timbering up tunnel, and making chamber next winze to open out to drive on the reef. Battery work progressing well.

BRACONSFIELD.

Kohinoor.—August 11—Prospects about same as last reported. The lode is going down more vertical; depth of shaft, 130ft.