

## MINING NEWS.

### GOLD.

Mr R. H. Price, manager of the Victoria Company, Blue Tier, received a telegram on Saturday from the mining manager stating that he had washed 20 ozs. gold from one dish of dirt, and that amongst the gold was a nugget 9ozs. in weight. He also reported having got some good specimens of stone. Some specimens were brought to town on Saturday, and may be seen at the office of the Company.

A call, the second, of 3d per share has been made in the No. 1 South Standard Company, payable on Friday next.

A call of one penny per share has been made in the True Briton Company, payable on Thursday next.

Transfers in the Little Gem Company from Mr N. Rasmussen will not be recognised unless lodged by Saturday next.

A private letter received from Gladstone, dated Wednesday, 24th inst., says:—"Mr Anderson will not start crushing at the Royal Tasman until Monday, as the rain has prevented him from finishing the hopper and shoots. The battery is all ready, and in splendid order. The plates were fixed this afternoon. A new reef was cut to-day on the Royal Tasman claim, running east and west. The size we do not know, but Mr Anderson is going to open out on it to-morrow. It is rich in gold." Another private letter received in town on Saturday morning confirms this intelligence, and adds that the new reef has been found near the blacksmith's shop.

**FURTHER CRUSHINGS FROM BEACONSFIELD, 1903oz. GOLD, VALUE £7136 5s 3d.**

Mr R. H. Price and other gentlemen, who had gone down to Beaconsfield to be present at a cleaning up from a four weeks' crushing at the Tasmania Co.'s battery, returned to town on Saturday afternoon, bringing with them the golden result. From the Tasmania Co.'s mine 1685 tons of stone were crushed, and 4363oz amalgam obtained, which yielded 1731oz 5dwt gold, value £6492 4s, giving an average return of 1oz 13gr gold to the ton. From the alluvial on the Company's claim, crushed during the same period at King and Eastman's battery, 72oz 15dwt gold were obtained, value £272 16s 3d, giving a total yield of 1731oz 5dwt gold, value £6765 0s 3d.

The result of the crushing from the Florence Nightingale Company at the Tasmania battery, which was completed over a week ago, but the amalgam not retorted, was also brought to town on Saturday. The 60 tons stone crushed yielded 99oz gold, value £371 5s, giving an average yield of 1oz 13dwt gold to the

ton.

The gold from the Tasmania Company was lodged at the Commercial Bank, and that from the Florence Nightingale Co. at the Bank of Van Diemen's Land.

Reports from mining managers will be found below.

### GLADSTONE.

*Deskford.*—Aug. 24—The drive has been extended 10ft. for the week, making a total distance of 32ft. The ground has been very hard and bad for blasting, but a change took place yesterday, and we are now in a nice-looking slate country, and letting out a little more water. I am constantly crossing small leaders of quartz, and hope I shall soon have the pleasure of striking the long-looked for reef. It does seem strange, with such a large reef as the Royal Tasman, and cropping up so close to us, that we cannot find it, but we may come on it at any time.

*Royal Tasman.*—Aug. 24—Battery will start on Monday next. Everything complete with the exception of the hopper to connect with tramroad to battery.

### BEACONSFIELD.

*Florence Nightingale.*—Aug. 27—The shaft has been sunk 8ft. for the week, making the total depth 24ft. from last level.

### MUSKEL ROE.

*Blue Bell.*—Aug. 24—Pumps started on Monday last, and on Tuesday, at midday, commenced sinking; everything working well, and the mining manager expects to sink 10ft. per week from date.

### LEFROY.

*Pinafore.*—Aug. 26—The south drive is looking well; full of leaders; slate charged with pyrites. East and west drives improving.—*Mercury.*

### MANGANA.

*Alpine.*—The contractors have been driving south all the week. The reef is still about 18in thick, in nice-looking stone, but not so good as last week. I am letting a contract next Monday to sink in the best of the stone in the south, about 26ft. from the present shaft. I will also sink in the north end of this to prove if the stone goes down. We have now over 80ft. in length of stone in this level, which is 160ft. down from the surface, and now by sinking on the stone, if it is proved going down, I should recommend to put the main tunnel in to it, about 250ft. below the present tunnel level, as I think the stone is payable, from the look of the plates. I have been crushing day shift this week, and have put through about 25 tons, but we have had several little stoppages.—*Mercury.*