

## MINING NEWS.

### GOLD.

Our Hobart correspondent telegraphed last evening :—A meeting of shareholders in the Hobart claim, Beaconsfield, was held at the Masonic Hall this evening, Alderman Seabrook in the chair. It was reported that only 8000 shares out of the 16,000 offered to the public had been taken up, and it was resolved that the Company be registered immediately under the style of the Hobart Company; the capital being altered from 20,000 to 15,000 £1 shares, and it was decided that £150 of the proceeds of the contributing shares taken up and the 3000 shares still unallotted should be placed to the credit of the Company. Messrs B. R. Harvey, A. Luckmann, G. Seabrooke, Jno. Watchorn, W. Gracie, W. G. Macmichael, and G. Nicholls were elected directors, Mr W. R. Harvey was appointed legal manager, and Mr V. W. Hookey, solicitor to the Company. The rules of the Cumberland Company, with the necessary alterations, were adopted.

The manager of the Victoria Company (Salisbury) has had assays of the blanketings from the last crushing, which was also the trial crushing, made by Mr E. W. Woodgate, who furnished his report upon them yesterday. The blanketings prove to contain at the rate of 4oz 15dwts 16grs gold, and 13dwts 16grs silver to the ton. When hand-dressed the blanketings yielded 12·7 per cent. of pyrites, which contain at the rate of 22oz 13dwts 12grs gold, and 14dwts 4grs silver to the ton. The tailings obtained by dressing the blanketings yielded at the rate of 1oz 12dwts 16grs gold, and 16dwts 16grs silver to the ton.

A call (the second) of 1s per share has been made in the All Nations Company, payable on Friday next.

Application is made to register the Rising Star Company (Lefroy).

Mining managers report as under :—

#### BEACONSFIELD.

*Lefroy.*—Sept. 22—The pulley wheels are up on the poppet heads and the top brace laid. I have also started the bed logs of the engine.

*Blyth's Freehold.*—Sept. 22—The water is now so light that I put off one horse yesterday, and shall discharge the brackmen to-morrow, and expect one horse to do the work after this week. We are now in thin bars of slate and sandstone. An experienced mining manager was down the main shaft and old shaft with me, and we took all the bearings carefully, and he is of opinion that I have still 20ft to drive.

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*Victoria.*—Sept 22—The mine is looking much the same as last reported. The battery has been kept going, and the plates are looking a deal better than they did at the first of last crushing. I have seen a little gold almost every day, but have not got any rich prospects this week. I am stoping up towards the 70ft level, still driving east, and am now in 75ft from the footwall, and there is still a little gold going in.

#### LEFROY.

*United Chum.*—Sept. 23—I am happy to inform you that while sinking the main shaft at a depth of 220ft from the surface we struck what we supposed to be the New Chum line of reef. The size of the reef is 18in thick, of solid stone, well defined, and shows gold very freely. The underlay is slightly south, the course being as near as possible east and west. For the general information of the shareholders I beg to state that the size of the main shaft is 10ft by 3ft 6in in clear. The country is of a nice soft nature, making very little water. A whim is erected on the claim, sufficient in the meantime for winding purposes. I have received instructions from the directors to open out the reef east and west, and to prepare for crushing forthwith.

*The Brother Scots.*—Sept. 23—We have just cut another big leader in the shaft on the south side of the creek. I am of opinion we have a reef carrying gold, besides the chances of the Land o' Cakes and Caledonian lines. I will send samples of stone up when opportunity offers.

#### LISLE.

(From a Correspondent.)

Mining matters up here are now assuming a more prosperous appearance since I last wrote. Wheeler and Macnamara are still ground sluicing at the head of the rich alluvial lead, which has taken an abrupt turn to the east from the Lisle Creek up a spur towards the Eastern Range, giving very favourable results of undeniably reef gold.

The Lisle Reefs Prospecting Co. has secured a prospecting area of 50 acres situate to the east of the Lisle Creek, above the township, on the spur leading up from the creek towards the Launceston-road and including the spur on which Wheeler and Macnamara are engaged with such good results. This claim has evidently been well selected, and the Company is pushing on tunnelling with vigour. The adit is now in 130ft, and has passed through very promising country, already having cut quartz leaders underlaying to the east. They expect to cut the reef at 300 feet, and there is no doubt that when they do, judging from the rich alluvial that has been shed from it, the claim will be one of the grandest in Tasmania.

There are many other parties working alluvial, and some of those who have a plentiful supply of water are making very good wages.

The price of provisions is very high here at present owing to the dreadful state of the roads, in fact they are almost impassable.