

GOLD.

Messrs Carter, Rasmussen, and Hargraves notify that transfers from them not lodged by 3rd October will be cancelled.

A meeting of the provisional directors of the Calder Gold Mining Company was held at Hobart on Monday evening. Mr John Edwards was appointed mining manager, and the directors decided upon commencing operations immediately.

The prospectus is published of the Pride of Lefroy Company, which it is proposed to form to prospect a 10-acre section, south of the old Golden Point claim, Lefroy, in which there is reason to believe a reef exists. Forty out of 100 promoters' shares are offered to the public at £10, and £250 of the proceeds will be placed to the credit of the Company. Mr T. C. Just is the agent.

The prospectus is issued of a company in course of formation to prospect White and De Little's lease at Lefroy, situate on the supposed line of the New Chum reef. Sixty out of 100 promoters' shares are offered to the public at £25 each, and the whole of the proceeds, with the exception of £100 detained for preliminary expenses, leaving £1400, will be placed to the credit of the company. Mr Owen Meredith is the agent.

The first half-yearly meeting of the Imperial Company will be held at the office of Mr G. A. Fulton, at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, to receive reports and balance-sheet, etc.

Mining managers and others report as under :—

BEACONSFIELD.

Blyth's Freehold.—Sept. 27—I am still driving in the same direction. The ground is improving every shift, and getting more like the strata that is in the drive in the old shaft. I shall continue the same course for a few shifts further, and if I do not strike the lode I shall turn my drive west to catch the underlay. The lode might be under foot, so by turning the drive I am sure to catch it. I have greater confidence in it since I got the change of country that we are now in.

LEFROY.

South-West Chum.—Sept. 26—The cross-cut has been driven 26ft during the last fortnight, making the total distance driven from the shaft 234ft. The ground has been stiff, but is now better. Several leaders have been cut, and some fine gold seen in one of them.

Brother Scots.—Sept. 24—I have driven during the week 14ft from the shaft south, through a nice blue slate country, with a good many small quartz leaders, and a little water making in the face.

Pinnafere.—The following report was received by legal manager from the mining manager on September 26 :—During the week the cross-cut has been driven

the week the cross-cut has been driven 13ft 6in, making the total distance from the shaft 128ft. The ground is a little easier, and water making freely. The south shaft is down 52ft, and I am about opening out to see what the leader is like we passed through in the shaft.—*Mercury.*

MANGANA.

(From a Correspondent.)

Mangana, known years ago as the "Nook," is a very pretty little township, about five miles from Fingal and twelve from Mathinna. This place I am informed was about the first locality where gold was discovered in Tasmania, and in its time has had a great many ups and downs.

Quartz mining was started here more than twenty years ago, but nothing up to the present time has ever proved a success. The first claim you come to at Mangana is the Union Co.'s. This ground has been lying idle for some time, but I believe will soon be worked again. A rich block of stone was found in this claim years ago, but the management at that time lost this good run of stone and could never find it again. The present holders think they know where to find it, consequently they are going to work it. I hope their efforts will prove successful.

Opposite to the Union you will see the ruins of the old Band of Hope Alluvial Company. This Company started with a grand flourish of trumpets, erecting very substantial poppet heads, etc., but its collapse was almost as grand as its beginning.

The Fingal Company is at a standstill, and has been so for years. This Company at one time had a ten head battery and stone breaker on its ground. After working for a while it was wound up, and eventually the battery and stonebreaker were sold to the Alpine Company.

The Alpine Company is a reef some time ago discovered by Mr Goodall. I have no doubt a great number will remember the result of the first crushing; after two or three crushings the works were stopped. Mr Goodall, who held a very large interest in the mine, did not approve of the stoppage, and agitated that the mine should be inspected by a competent person and a report made. Mr Samuel Richards, of Nine-Mile Springs, was selected to inspect the mine. His report was rather favourable, and I believe he expressed his surprise that a claim with such good prospects was not in full work. The Company started work again in sinking and driving, etc. Eighty tons of quartz was got out and put through the battery, the result of the cleaning up last week being 50ozs of retorted gold, or an average of 12½dwt to the ton, which is considered payable. The mine really looks well; stone at bottom level being about 5ft wide and showing good gold. This, under the judicious management of Mr Irvine, ought to prove a success.

Buckland's Freehold, adjoining the Alpine, I am informed is being floated into a large company in Victoria.

The Tower Hill Company is at present at a standstill. This property I believe belongs to Mr Gellibrand. There is a splendid battery on the ground, and it is a great pity to see it idle. Some splendid crushings were obtained from this claim, but the good stone appeared to be only on the surface.

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There are a few other claims at Mangana that were years ago in good work and some few hundreds expended on them, but they never turned out a success.

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Mangana was at one time rather rich as an alluvial field—Major's Gully, Sharkey's Gully, Fern-tree Gully, Sailor's Gully, and a few other gullies and flats, are well known for the rich patches they once contained. About the only genuine digger at Mangana is old "Gip," who may often be seen at Major's fossicking about on some of the old workings—always in hopes of striking a patch.

Sept. 23rd.