

GOLD.

Application is made to
Wealth of Nations Company
A call, the fifth, of 1s per share has
been made in the Royal Mint Co., payable
on 13th inst.

The adjourned meeting of shareholders
in the Robinson Co., for the formation
of the Company, will be held at the office
of Mr R. H. Price at 4 p.m. to-morrow.

The prospectus is issued of the
Hokitika Company, which it is proposed
to form to work a ten-acre section at
Panama, on the line of the Long Tunnel
Co.'s reef. Sixty out of 100 promoters'
shares are offered to the public at £15
each, and £500 of the proceeds will be
placed to the credit of the Company. Mr
Jas. Hamilton is the Secretary.

The prospectus is published of the
Royal Oak Company, which it is proposed
to form to work three 10-acre sections at
Beaconsfield, adjoining and south of the
Byth's Freehold Company, into which
the Rising Sun Company's lode is ex-
pected to run, and gold has also been
found in the claims. Out of 20,000 shares
1500 are offered to the public at 2s 6d
per share, and £1000 of the proceeds will
be placed to the credit of the Company.

Mining managers and others report as
follows:—

GLADSTONE.

Royal Tasman.—Sept. 2—I am much
pleased to say the machinery is all work-
ing to my satisfaction. The amalgam on
plates and around the grating looks very
well for the time the battery has been at
work, far better than any I have seen before.
I am crushing with 3½ inches of drop, and
it is going through rather fast. I send
you samples of pyrites, which you will
find rich in gold, also blanketings, sand
and tailings, which please get Mr Jenkin
to test, and let me know the result. I
want to check it by my own test, which I
have found good. The stone is like I
piece of lime—the moment it is under the
stamp it is in powder; but the shareholders
will find nothing will be lost, as it is all
collected for after treatment. The water
is steadily flowing over the by-wash and
keeping the dam full. I have let the No.
2 tunnel on the Tasman No. 1 reef by
contract. I have also started to drive
north on the No. 1 reef in the tunnel,
which is also north of the diorite dyke.
Reef over six feet in width, looking very
well. This is a great feature, the reef
showing so well north, corroborating my
first report, viz., that the gold had gone
north. I will let a contract next week for
the No. 2 reef. No. 3 reef is a strong
body of stone, but my time has been
occupied for at least 18 hours out of the
24, so that I have had no time to test its
quality. I purpose opening one of the
boxes next Wednesday (if it will stand

quality. I purpose opening one of the
boxes next Wednesday (if it will stand
till then) to see what things are like. I
shall run the battery to the end of the
month.

West Tasman.—Sept. 2—I have sunk
the shaft for the week, a distance of 9½ft,
making a total from the brace of 63ft.
The country continues to require shoot-
ing, but I find that the water is not
making any heavier as I sink. There are
a number of quartz spurs coming into the
bottom to-day, and the country has
changed to a fine blue slate. I will be
able to get down a hundred feet with the
windlass. I still continue trenching on
the northern boundary. Where I now
am there is a deep alluvial deposit;
therefore, I cannot get over much ground.

Progress.—Sept. 2—I have been getting
timber part of this week for slabbing up
about 14ft of the top of the shaft, which
was not timbered before, and was very
unsafe for the men to go either up or
down without risk to life. I have, there-
fore, not done any underground work at
all for the reef, but will make all haste
next week and cut through the reef.

Mount Cameron.—Sept 2—As men-
tioned in my last, the shaft is down the
required depth. I am now inviting
tenders to drive 100ft.

Grand Standard.—Aug. 31—The shaft
is down 77ft. The country is improving,
and water slight.

Royal Standard.—Sept. 2—During the
week the No. 2 shaft has been sunk and
timbered 8ft, the depth from the surface
being 87ft without any change of ground.
The water is increasing.

No. 1 North Royal Standard.—Sept. 3.
—I have driven 8ft into the lode, and not
got through it. It has a sudden dip from
the surface on our boundary, and if I had
been a few feet lower I would not have
seen it. Where I have cut it its quality
will be no criterion as to its value at a
depth. The stone is very much dis-
turbed and broken, but carries a little
gold.

No. 1 South Royal Standard.—Sept. 3.
—During the week the shaft has been
sunk a further depth of 8ft, making the
total depth 36ft, and all securely tim-
bered. The sinking has been through
slate and sandstone, with quartz veins
running through it, and making a little
water.

Golden Age.—Sept. 2—The shaft is now
down 56ft from the surface, and securely
timbered. During the week we have
passed through several leaders under-
laying to the west, the country having
the same underlay. Since my last report
there has been an important discovery on
the Royal Tasman claim affecting us, viz.,
a cross reef, gold-bearing. This has an
apparent course about 20deg. E. of N.,
which points a little south of our No. 2
shaft. The course of it will be inter-

which points a little south of our No. 2 shaft. The course of it will be intersected when we drive along the course of our lode after opening out.

Deskford.—Sept. 3—This has been a broken week, as I had to give the men a half-holiday. I have driven 9ft for the week, making the total distance driven 41ft. I am still in slate country, with a little water coming in the face of the drive.

Royal Mint.—Sept. 3—In the tunnel we have finished timbering the chamber, and have driven 22ft south. The lode has pinched the last few feet. Next week I will centre and line up the winze, and put in a shoot. In the south winze the lode pinched but has opened out again to 20in wide. The depth of the winze is 28ft. I have taken the men from the tramway and put them in the tunnel, as we get sufficient mullock there to finish the earthwork of the tramway. The battery is well advanced towards completion. All the tables are finished, and the engine will be all put together in the course of next week. The boiler and foundation of funnel are built in, and the house is over the boiler. The surveyor took the levels for the water race, and find we will have ample fall and a good supply of clear water. I expect to start with the race next (this) week. [Some stone showing gold was brought to town by the Avon, and on crushing a good prospect was obtained.]

South Mint.—Sept. 2—The drive has been extended 6ft 6in during the week, making a total distance from the chamber of 28ft. The ground is hard, and water heavy.

North Tasman.—Sept. 2—I have sunk No. 2 shaft 10ft for the week, the total depth being 90ft. I have driven 10ft along the reef in the tunnel, and have come to a well defined back wall, which I intend to drive along 2ft before I cross-cut the reef. I am of opinion that the reef will get more solid, as the appearance of the ground shows that I came upon it in a break in the reef. I think it will soon show payable gold.

Lady Tasman.—Sept. 3—Since last report the drive has been extended 11ft for the week, making the total distance 61ft. The country is very soft, mixed with quartz, and very wet. We have cut several small shoots of stone, all of which appear to make into a stronger body under foot, which shows that we are not deep enough. As we are about the line of the Mint reef now, we may cut it at any moment.

North Extended Tasman.—Sept. 2—I commenced to drive the tunnel on Saturday (Aug. 27), and have had two men at work for the week. I have driven in 21ft, and all timbered. I am getting

men at work for the week. I have driven in 21ft, and all timbered. I am getting the timber off the section. I intend putting on another man next week to enable me to get the timber up and the road laid. The ground gone through is very favourable, and at the present rate of driving I will soon be under the line of reef as shown on the top of the hill. I have no doubt the tunnel will prove a very judicious plan to test the ground, and will afford facilities for testing under the tunnel.

MUSSEL ROE.

Blue Bell.—Sept. 2—I have sunk 10ft during the week, and timbered up 14ft, making the total depth of the shaft 66ft, with 62ft timbered. The water is still a little on the increase. It is now about 900 gallons per hour, or an increase of 300 gallons in 16ft of sinking. At this rate I will have no difficulty in going down to 150ft, as the machinery is equal to 6000 gallons per hour. The country is getting more settled, a good many quartz leaders being met with, which accounts for the increase of water. I hope to be able to do 10ft a week, and timber up. The engine and pumps are working well.

DENISON.

Royal Treasury.—Sept. 4—Since last report we have deepened the shaft to 57ft. All the hard bar is now out of the shaft, and the sinking all that can be wished for, with the exception of the influx of water, which has been gradually increasing until we had 950 gallons per hour on Friday night at 8 o'clock. After that time the water made so strong that we could not get down. The horses are worked four-hour shifts, and this afternoon (Sunday) the water is decreasing. It is making mostly from the S.E. corner of the shaft, and if we can beat it by 12 o'clock to-night we will continue sinking, otherwise we will put in a small cross-cut to test the reef at the 50ft level.

GOLCONDA.

Exhibition.—Sept. 3—During the week I have driven a distance of 14ft. Should the ground continue the same as at present, I hope to cut the reef at the latter part of the week or the commencement of next.

BEACONSFIELD.

Ilfracombe.—Sept. 5—I have driven 7ft for the week, making 13ft in all. The ground is still hard, and making more into a quartz country and cabbage-tree stone, which looks better for gold.

Star of Beaconsfield.—Sept. 3—The shaft is down 25ft in rather tight country. A little water is making, but not sufficient to retard sinking.

Prince Consort.—Sept. 3—The shaft is down 31ft, and I will commence opening out on Monday to drive for the reef. The

out on Monday to drive for the reef. The country in the tunnel is changing considerably for the better, and I hope very soon to have something good to report.

Kohinoor.—Sept. 3—I have sunk the shaft 4ft for the week, making a total depth of 140ft from the brace. The country has been hard, but yesterday a change came in for the better. I have still got a trace of the lode about the centre of the shaft. I have cut several small leaders, nice looking stone, but have not seen any gold.

Leviathan.—Sept. 3—The contract for the first 200ft was completed last Thursday, the second 200ft being immediately commenced. The nature of the country is about the same, consisting of slate, sandstone bars, and quartz leaders, but it is getting considerably tighter. According to the prospects of gold and specimens found on the surface, I think it quite possible that gold-bearing stone may be met with at the latter part of the present contract.

Who Can Tell.—Sept. 3—I will have to puddle the shaft to a depth of 20ft, to keep back the surface water before opening out to drive for the reef. I have 20 loads of clay ready, and will commence work on Monday, the 5th. I have been baling the shaft for the past week.

Blyth's Freshold.—Sept. 3—I have driven 11ft for the week, making a total distance from the shaft of 78ft. I am still in very hard country. The reason for my having to drive so far is on account of the ground underlying more in the levels that I am driving than it did in the old shaft, which makes the hard belt of country run further to the north.

LEFROY.

West New Chum.—Sept. 5—In No. 3 level the west drive is in 138ft from the cross-cut, making the distance driven for the week 14ft. The reef is 2ft wide. The east drive is in 140ft from the cross-cut. The reef is 1ft 6in in width and carries good gold. The stopes in the back of this level are as last reported. In the No. 2 level the winze west of the cross-cut is down 43ft. The reef is 1ft 3in wide and looking well, gold showing freely. The west drive in this level is in 218ft from the cross-cut. The reef is small, but judging from the quantity of water coming out of the face I expect a change for the better. The stopes between Nos. 1 and 2 levels west of the shaft are still being worked.

New Chum.—Sept. 3—For the week the following work has been done:—The western level has been driven 13ft, and in this face there is an improvement. The reef is one foot wide, showing gold. The eastern level has been extended 13ft. The reef is 2ft wide, showing good gold. The stopes continue about the same. The total distance driven of No. 3 cross-cut is

total distance driven of No. 3 cross-cut is 15ft.

Great Extended West Chum.—Sept. 5—The cross-cut has been driven for the week 8ft, total 47ft. The country is looking better every foot that is driven. Water is making from the face of the drive.

United Chums.—Sept. 5—The main shaft is down 200ft. I am inviting tenders to sink 60ft deeper.

South-West Chum.—Sept. 3—The cross-cut is in 196ft from the shaft. There are leaders met with, and by the formation at present in the end I think there must certainly be a reef not far distant.

Chance.—Sept. 5—The cross-cut has been extended 32ft for the fortnight, making its total length 144ft from the shaft. The ground is much the same as last week, all requiring powder.

Queen's Birthday.—Sept. 3—I have driven the cross-cut north 14ft, the total from the shaft being 200ft. I have passed through two well defined spurs, carrying gold. For the last 5ft I have been in a strong channel of country which, I am of opinion, forms the back of another lode not far away. The indications are a mass of small leaders, underlying very rapidly to the north. The prospects of the mine are greatly improving, for almost every day I am getting nearer the spur of the hill, which is improving in quality.

West Queen's Birthday.—Sept. 3—Since last report I have driven the cross-

cut south 14ft, and also struck the reef 12ft from the shaft, which has made no improvement. On Friday last I shifted the men further north to try and pick up the spurs which are now being cut through in the Queen's Birthday Co.'s ground, which show indications of something good leading from the spur of the hill coming west.

Brother Scots.—Sept. 3—During the past week I have sunk a second shaft 12ft, and driven 9ft north from it towards the Waverly boundary. The formation is slate and sandstone, with occasional small quartz leaders. I believe this is the track of the Land o' Cakes reef, as it is almost on a compass line from that Company's shaft, where the reef was got. I have no doubt that by sinking I shall get it, as the underlay is south. I will continue cross-cutting south towards the creek, and if I don't meet with anything before getting there, I shall recommend that a shaft be sunk to cut the Land o' Cakes reef.

Windermere.—Sept. 3—The contractors for the shaft have sunk a further depth of 8ft 6in, making altogether since commencing 96ft 6in. There is no change in

mening 96ft 6in. There is no change in the ground, and the water is not any heavier. As soon as I get opened out I will erect a whip, as the cost will be but very little in comparison to windlass labour.

New Monkland.—Sept. 3—I have driven 20ft east for the week. The first 10ft were a mass of leaders about 2in in thickness, which have since made into a solid body of stone of 2ft. It is much better looking stone, and shows pyrites more freely than any I have seen in the mine. The stone, however, contains very little gold. I expect to drive 50ft more before I get on the shoot of gold that was on the outside of the paddock of stone that we crushed. It is very fair driving, as you can see by the distance gone last week.

New Native Youth.—Sept. 5—The western face still continues to open out. It is rather more broken than it was, with occasional threads of stones. I have commenced a cross-cut north on the cross course, and have also commenced to slope the stone in the neighbourhood, which I previously cut in the level. There is no change to report in the eastern stopes. The Excelsior shaft is down 95ft below the 220ft level.

Bannock.—Sept. 5—I am getting everything ready to commence work as soon as the Rob Roy strike the reef.

Rob Roy.—Sept. 3—I have driven 9ft north through a strong slate country, with water making in the face, and 12ft south through fine soft slate mixed with quartz and full of mineral. I hope to have something good to report soon.

Waverly.—Sept. 5—Still sinking on the lode, and expect to go through it very soon. The underlay is similar to the Land o' Cakes. It is a strong lode, with well-defined walls about 3ft apart. I have sunk 12ft during the week, making a total of 60ft, and all securely timbered to the bottom. As we have not much water, I would recommend going down as far as possible before opening out.

Land o' Cakes.—Sept. 2—The contractors are making fair progress with the main shaft, having now sunk and timbered up 44ft. During the past week, until Friday, the sinking was through blue slate, when a hard bar was encountered. As yet there is no water to trouble the contractors.

East Golden Era.—Sept. 5—Since my last report I have driven the chamber 10ft north, and timbered the same. The country is composed of alternate layers of sandstone and slate, which will be good driving. When the drive is opened out to a proper size the water will not impede the work.

Caledonian.—Sept. 5—Since my last report the east drive has been extended 4ft. There is little change in the drive. It is making more quartz and indurating

it. There is little change in the drive. It is making more quartz, and judging from the quantity of water coming in the reef will continue improving in size. I have not done much driving this week, but have been dividing the whim shaft, which is completed to the bottom. The western drive has been extended 7ft, making a total from the cross-cut of 147ft. The lode is widening and improving in appearance. The Waverly has struck what is supposed to be the Land o' Cakes lode in their shaft. I have taken the bearings of the lode down to this claim. The course of the lode was 90ft south of the shaft, while our lode is 50ft north. The Waverly sunk their shaft on the same course about five chains west of that of the Land o' Cakes, and struck the lode at about the same depth, which proves the bearings to be correct, and the lode to be a separate one from that which we have as yet struck. The contractor expects to complete the whim to-morrow (Tuesday).

BACK CREEK.

Holdfast.—Sept. 3—The cross-cut has been extended 22ft for the week, the total distance from the shaft being 42ft. The water is increasing in the face.

Try Again.—Sept. 3—With reference to sinking on the shaft from the surface I am sorry to say that we cannot proceed with the work as directed in your letter, but it shall be done as soon as the weather settles. The new shaft has been sunk 14ft and slabbed, the total distance being 28ft. The shaft near the Holdfast boundary has been sunk 6ft, total 27ft. The stone mentioned in my last report has split up and formed into two legs, one underlaying to the north and the other to the south. A drive has also been put to the north. It is in 10ft from the shaft. I am in great hopes to be able to report something good before many days.

Just-in-Time.—Sept. 3—I have driven for the past week a distance of 17ft south. There is no particular change, except the ground has got a little softer, which enables me to make better headway.