

## GOLD.

A meeting of allottees of shares in the new Providence Company will be held at Messrs Lyell and Gowan's office, Melbourne, on the 28th inst., to consider the memorandum of association under which it is proposed to register the Company. Shareholders in the Providence Company are notified that the transfer journal will be finally closed on Monday next, in order to prepare a list of shareholders to be forwarded to the agents for the new Providence Company.

A telegram was received from Gladstone yesterday stating that the three Royal Tasman batteries had been cleaned up after three and a half days' work. Amalgam 400oz. Silver not retorted. Total stone crushed 40 tons.

Our Hobart correspondent telegraphed yesterday that the Calder Company, projected to work the old Industry claim, three miles east of Lefroy, has been floated, the balance of the shares having been taken up in Hobart.

Application is made to register the Midlothian Company.

A call, the first, of one penny per share, has been made in the Victoria Extended Company, payable on the 17th inst.

As our readers are aware, alluvial mining has been carried on for the last two or three years on and about the vicinity of the Camden Plains, to the eastward of Mount Barrow, but though one or two barren reefs are known to exist, no discovery has up till recently been made of any of the gold-bearing reefs from which the alluvial leads have been shed. It would now seem, however, that indications of the existence of payable reefs have been come upon in two instances at least. Mr John West arrived in town yesterday from the locality, and reports that his party have struck a reef 15in wide 15ft below the surface, showing good gold, and that they obtained a quantity of gold from the rubble in the vicinity of the reef. They have pegged out a ten-acre section for quartz, and over about two acres of this

alluvial gold can be obtained. Two creeks run through the section, and gold has been found in one of them. Mr D. Westman, who arrived here from New Zealand about two months ago, and with his mate, also a New Zealand miner, has been working the alluvial at Camden Plains and prospecting for a reef. From indications met with in working an alluvial lead up one of the many creeks which feed the Camden River they felt confident a reef or strong leader was not far distant, and when the run of gold suddenly stopped at a richer patch than usual they prospected a little further

and they stopped at a richer patch than usual they prospected a little further and struck a quartz leader cutting through the granite in an oblique course to that of the creek. The leader was not more than an inch or so in width, but widening as it went downward, being two inches wide at five feet from the surface, the quartz very crumbly and full of gold, over an ounce and a half of loose gold being washed out of the small quantity of stone taken out in sinking a hole five feet deep. A ten acre section was marked off on the morning of the 5th inst., and was jumped a few hours afterwards by a Mr Gillespie, who has been prospecting in the same locality, on the ground that Westman and party had not complied with the regulations. The dispute has therefore been referred to the Commissioner for settlement, and operations are suspended for the present.

Mining managers report as under :—

## BEACONSFIELD.

*Cosmopolitan.*—Sept. 7—The contractors are making good progress. They are in good slate country, with a few small quartz leaders. The country is quite dry, so that good progress can be made.

## SALISBURY.

*Pactolus.*—Sept. 6—I have finished the approach to the tunnel and driven 36ft and timbered, and laid 121ft of tramway. I am driving through very favourable country, the first 29ft being soft schist, with occasional thin hard bars and the rest slate. I have cut a small leader. The blacksmith's shop is finished, and everything is in working order. Should the ground continue the same I hope to strike the reef in about three weeks.

## LEFROY.

*Golden Era.*—Sept. 8—The eastern level is in 96ft, and the cross-cut is in north 75ft to cut the north lode. The rise is up 37ft, and I will continue the rise up to No. 1 level. I will clean up next Friday (this day.)

*New Native Youth.*—Sept. 8—In the 320ft western level more stone is making solid of both walls. The stone at the 450ft level is beginning to look a little better. The Excelsior shaft is down 102ft from the plat. The total depth is 322ft. I have 48ft yet to sink.

*New Chum.*—Sept. 8—I am happy to say that there is a great improvement in the western level. The reef is now 2ft wide, and carrying splendid gold, as good as any we have had.

*Great Extended West Chum.*—Sept. 8—I have cut a body of stone 2ft 6in wide. I cannot say much about it, but do not think it is the reef.