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PROSPECTUS

OF THE

New Golden Bower & Star Gold M. Co.

Donovan's & Nuggety Gully Creeks,

YARRA TRACK, NEAR MARYSVILLE.

To be Registered as a No-Liability Company under Part II. Companies Act 1890.

Capital £8,000 in 32,000 Shares of 5s. Each.

22,000 Shares are offered to the Public at 1s., being 6d. on application and 6d. on allotment. 10,000 Shares paid up to 4s. per share are retained by the Vendors. From the proceeds of the sale of the 22,000 Shares £650 will be placed to the credit of the Company free of all expenses. The balance, £450, includes part payment to the Vendors for the Property and Brokerage, Flotation and preliminary expenses. Calls not to exceed twopence per Share per month, and no Calls will be required for three months after Registration of the Company.

No paid-up Shares. When 10,000 Shares are sold the Company will be considered floated and Registration made.

Directors, Auditors, and Solicitor :

(To be appointed at the first meeting of Shareholders).

Bank :

BANK OF AUSTRALASIA, LIMITED.

Legal Manager :

H. D. MCKIE, 408 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Brokers :

S. B. BAGLEY & Co., 410 Collins Street, Melbourne.

THIS Company is being formed for the purpose of acquiring from the Vendors all their right title and interest in and to that very valuable Lease 3492, Castlemaine, well-known as the Golden Bower and Star G.M.C., and containing 25a. 2r. 20p., and situated at Donovan's Creek and Nuggety Gully, near Marysville, and about two miles north of the Victorian Mount Morgan G.M.C., and almost adjoins the British Mount Morgan Mine. A good deal of work has been done in this section, from which a

total of 3951ozs. were obtained between July, 1868, and November, 1871, and since then no work has been done on the property, and it is a noted fact that **No Calls** were made by the old Company, and that, in addition to the above yield, very large quantities of stone were picked and carted to Alexandra, a distance of about forty miles, which gave enormous returns, of which no record was kept. The whole of the surrounding country has been taken up in leases, solely on account of the prospects of this property.

It is proposed to sink a new shaft about 250 feet deep, from the surface, and then drive to pick up the Star, and possibly the Bower Reefs, which work was not done on account of the want of capital. We are confident, as will be seen by the subjoined reports, that the mine will be second to none in the Colony as a dividend payer, when in full swing.

→ Copy of Certificate as to yields obtained from 15th July, 1868, to 20th June, 1871.

Queen Insurance Buildings, Queen Street,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1878.

Golden Bower Company, Donovan's Creek.

Gold taken from the Mine from 15th July, 1868, to 20th June, 1871:—3,788 ozs. 13 dwts. 6 grs.
Amounts paid in Dividends.—£3,360.

J. K. BICKERTON.

Extract from the "Age," August 21st, 1896.—

Mining on the Upper Yarra Track.

HEALESVILLE, Thursday.

Much has been said about the mountain of ore 13 miles from Marysville towards Wood's Point, on the Yarra Track. There are some 42 leases pegged out around the prospecting company's claim, the Victorian Mount Morgan, 25 of which have been surveyed by Mr. White, who has been camped in the locality for some weeks back. Several leases have been prospected by trenching, and the stone taken out, on being dollied and panned off, has shown gold. The stone is highly mineralized, and will, of course, require the latest gold saving appliances to win all the gold when crushed by battery. It will be some time before the Reefton Turnoff is in full swing. The Santa Claus Reef, on Bear's Creek, 18 miles from Marysville, has been floated into a company with a capital of £5000, Mr. R. Ely being the prospector. Trenching has disclosed a fine body of stone of dyke formation on the lease. Some of the stone has assayed $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. to the load. Mr. Ely has a contract to drive a 4 feet tunnel from the creek level, and it is supposed that this tunnel will cut the different formations at a depth of 250 feet from the surface. The tunnel is now in over 50 feet. A line of leases has been pegged out from Bear's Creek Reef (now named "Olivo") to the Golden Bower on Nuggety Creek, a tributary of Donovan's Creek, and Mr. White is now surveying leases. One of the leases on the Big River, 23 miles from Marysville, will most likely be in work in a week or so. Although there are a lot of leases pegged out and surveyed, there will be little done on them till they are granted; but the look out at present seems bright for the district. The pack track cut by Mr. Feely from the Yarra Track to Donovan's Creek and up Bear's Creek is nearly completed, and will prove of great service to the different claim-holders there.

Extracts from Government Mining Surveyor's Report, in the Mining Department, Melbourne.

MINING REPORTS BY ALFRED ARMSTRONG, GOVERNMENT SURVEYOR, FROM MARCH, 1867—1869.

→ The first reef discovered has been named by the prospectors, the "New Star," and the second, which is situated a little more easterly, the "Golden Bower." The quartz from the latter is of whitish fine color, with face gold visible, and well distributed in the same.

The Golden Bower, on Donovan's Creek, mentioned in my last report, still promises remarkably well, the vein at a depth of 60 feet in the prospecting claim is now found to be about from 1 to 2 feet in thickness, and nearly every fragment of quartz containing several specks of gold. Experienced persons estimate that the stone at present raised, will yield over 20 ozs. to the ton.

The existence of payable quartz reefs at Donovan's Creek is now fully established by the crushing from the Golden Bower. 885 tons of quartz yielded 1054 ounces 14 dwts.; and as two other prospecting claims have been registered during the past quarter (making altogether 9 distinct reefs in this locality), it seems more than probable that during the ensuing summer a considerable development of the auriferous resources of this district may be looked for.

The Golden Bower and New Star Quartz Co., at Donovan's Creek, have erected all the requisite machinery for crushing and transit of their quartz direct from the reef. The A I Co. Golden Bower Reef have a considerable quantity of stone ready for the mill, having driven their tunnel 225 feet to the reef, which averages over 2 feet in thickness, and in richness looks equal to any that has hitherto been crushed.

The tunnel has been driven a distance of upwards of 500 feet, and a further extension of 50 feet will cut the reef.

Report of Mr. R. M. Lee, Manager of Locke's No. 1 Extended Gold Mining Company, Sandy Creek, Maldon.

Gentlemen,—In reply to your request, I beg to inform you that I was one of the miners who worked in the Golden Bower Mine until operations were stopped.

In the Company's Lease there were two parallel lodes, known as the "Bower" and "Star" Reefs.

The famous "Bower" being the richer, and estimated to yield over 10 ozs. per ton if picked. At some 80 feet from grass a slide cut the reef out; this slide having a slight dip south. The only other work on this lode was a winze sunk through the slide 58 feet, and a small cross-cut driven, which failed to cut the downward continuation. Other practical men besides myself believe this lode will make again lower down.

The Star Reef, which is 300 feet higher up the hill, is a very permanent lode, and was worked by two tunnels to a depth of 200 feet, and is in places three and four feet wide. The first crushing went 1 oz. per ton, and gradually improved to 1 oz. 18 dwts., when work was suspended.

The lowest or No. 2 Tunnel is driven 560 feet from Creek level. (The only work below this Tunnel is a winze sunk 25 feet on shoot of gold). The block south has been taken out some 70 or 80 feet in length. The north shoot was never opened up below tunnel level. The reef is going down well defined, underlying east one in four.

The company, which consisted of 3,500 shares, declared dividends equal to £1 per share, irrespective of those obtained from the rich stone crushed at Alexandra.

On the present lease sufficient water-power can be obtained to drive 15 heads of stampers in the driest weather, and there is abundance of timber on the ground.

It is fully twelve years since work was stopped, and at that time wages and mining material were very costly.

In my opinion you have a very valuable property. A straight shaft could be sunk, say 70 feet from load east in tunnel, to a depth of 100 feet, from whence a crosscut to the reef would give a good and valuable stope to rise on.

R. M. LEE.

North Brighton, 15th June, 1896.

P. O. HENRY, Esq.,

Dear Sir,—Referring to your enquiry re Golden Bower and Star, at Marysville, I beg to state that I remember Lee as an honest man, and have no doubt his report is right.

I believe the proposal to form a company a very fair one, and ought to succeed, as the property is a very valuable one.

Yours truly,

J. K. BICKERTON.

REPORT on the GOLDEN BOWER and the STAR Gold Mining property, as situated in the County of Anglesey, Gippsland, Victoria, and in the same region, and almost adjoining the Victorian Mount Morgan Gold Mining Leaseholds.

Empire Buildings, Collins Street,

Melbourne, 3rd June, 1896.

P. O. HENRY, Esq.,

Area & Title.—The lease, as held by present owners, contains 25 acres, 2 roods, 20 perches, and it has been issued by the Government.

Physical & Geological Features.—The reefs in question cross the upper portions of the Donovan and Nuggety Gullies, which were fed by these reefs with gold, of which they have yielded very large quantities of alluvial.

Lodes.—These comprise highly laminated vein stones, charged both with "free gold," and high percentages of auriferous pyrites, as proved by the assays shown elsewhere. After working to the water level, and meanwhile obtaining close upon 4000 ozs. of gold as per battery returns, and, in all probability, as much again, from parcels sent to, and treated at Mills, over 40 miles distant, the owners have vainly tried to combat the water, and, in consequence, they are now seeking capitalistic aid for again raising rich stone, as left underfoot.

Future Workings.—It now appears as imperative that a new shaft should be sunk, as the "backs" above the present adit have, in the past, been stoped out. It is considered that such a shaft, if sunk to a depth of, say 250 feet, would provide from 100 to 150 feet of solid "backs," said shaft to be equipped with a moderately powered steam pumping and winding gear, whereby the reef will again be placed within reach, and afford substantial profits, when that has been done.

Conclusion.—Having recently made a careful examination of the adjacent mining properties, of which this appears to be the Permanent Centre I can safely recommend same to the favorable notice of mining investors.

G. THUREAU (F.G.S.) London.

Late Government Geologist and Chief Inspector of Mines, Tasmania.

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LETTER FROM Mr. Q. DICK, MINER AT THE GOLDEN BOWER AND STAR, NUGGETY GULLY AND DONOVAN'S CREEK.

P. HENRY, Esq.,—

Melbourne, Monday, 20th July, 1896.

The Bower is about 400 feet east of Star Reef. The Bower is underlayed west, and the Star having an underlay to the east, it is obvious that there is every possibility of the two formations meeting, which we reckon they will do when at a depth of approximating 400 feet; and the country at that depth will be quite settled.

The Bower has been worked with results, as known to you, from the surface to a depth of 80 feet, where it went off with a slide, which frequently occurs with formations of this description. It has been worked along the line south from the Bower tunnel to a distance of 150 feet, when it runs small, and was then worked 300 feet north, making a total distance of 450 feet along the line.

A shaft was put down on south end of workings, by Mr. W. O. Farrel, to distance of 180 feet, with the idea of cutting "Bower." We drove along a formation in this shaft, at 120 feet level, getting a fair sample of gold, but were compelled to evacuate through foul air—the shaft not being timbered, of course there was no current to carry the bad air away. We would strongly advise that this leader be given a good trial when work is started.

The Star has been worked 600 feet along the line, and driven to water level without a break, though at times small, ranging from two inches to three feet, at most times the width was 18 inches.

→ Ten years ago a second company took the lease up, and sunk a shaft in tunnel water level to a depth of £4 feet, where they cut the Star. Half a ton of ore was forwarded for treatment to Melbourne, and the returns gave 2 ozs. 6 dwts. per ton. Not being able to contend with water they started a shaft from surface to cut Star. This shaft was put down 140 feet, when some of the directors, being sent to inspect the work, saw that the shaft was not within two or three hundred feet of right place, as it would have to go down 600 feet or more before they would cut Star. The directors giving their report in Melbourne had the effect of winding up the company.

The claim has been held from that time, but no work was done until taken up by us. We drove along Star reef a distance of about 15 feet, and the stone crushed by us, about 1½ tons, went about 1oz. 13 dwts. to the ton, the gold being sold to the Bank of Australasia on the 19th December 1895, as per receipt for £10 19s. 10d. The stone was crushed by a small prospecting battery, and being new, we, of course, lost some of the gold, or the returns would have been better still.

We are confident that if the ground is worked with ordinary skill, that the Star can and will pay now, as it always has done formerly.

From the present workings where trial crushings were taken out, there are 120 feet of backs to work, full length of shoot of gold.

We would advise a shaft to be put down to cut Star reef afresh, approximately 250 feet from surface, and our reasons are obvious.

The present shaft being in a tunnel, and 600 feet from entrance, it would be necessary to sink a shaft from surface to strike present one, to be used as an air and hauling shaft, also to enlarge the present one to allow for man or ladder shaft (present shaft 6ft. x 3ft.). The cost of this work would be more than sinking a fresh shaft. There is a better reason still why a new shaft is required. As stated before, the underlay of two reefs converge. If shaft is put down, there will be a possibility of cutting "Bower" also.

Machinery necessary, if proposed shaft is sunk:—Engine, with cages or lifts for water and stone, battery on Donovan's Creek, to be driven by water power, enough water being there to drive 15 heads if wanted. The stone would, of course, be trucked from cages to battery, which would be a distance of no more than 300 yards.

Yours truly,

Q. DICK.

COPY OF RECEIPT FROM BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.

Melbourne, December 19, 1895.

REPORT OF GOLD MELTED AND ASSAYED FOR Mr. Q. DICK.

→ Before melting—Smelted gold, 2 ozs. 15 dwts. 12 grs. After melting.—2.775 ounces. Assay—22 carats, 2 grs. 1 eighth. Per oz., £3 19s. 4d. Amount, £10 19s. 10d.

Braybrook Auction,
July 24th, 1896.

P. O. HENRY, Esq.

Dear Sir,—I have examined and assayed your quartz, and have to report as under:

Assay, No. 1608.—Golden Bower and Star Gold Mining Company.

Description.—Laminated Quartz.

Assay of 1 lb. stone. { 5 ozs. 16 dwts. 10 grs. gold per ton.
 { 0 ozs. 2 dwts. 5 grs. silver per ton.

Remarks.—The quartz showed free gold, both in the stone and in the layers of minerals. Besides the free gold, there is 1 per cent. of mineral carrying gold. The stone is a free milling ore, well laminated, and should develop well.

Sincerely yours,
W. H. GAZE, M.D. etc

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See prospectus &
information in
Yarr's notes 1896

PLAN & SECTION,

Showing workings of the NEW GOLDEN BOWER & STAR G.M. CO., Donovan's and Nuggety Gully Creeks, near Marysville; Parish of Brimbonga; County of Evelyn, Victoria.

