

## THE CONTINGENT'S SEND-OFF.

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The fifteen men selected to form our portion of the Fourth Contingent, together with the twelve men who will be chosen this afternoon for the Fifth Contingent, proceed to Wellington by the Flora on Sunday afternoon.

Mr Cargill, the local manager of the Union Company, has been unsparing in his efforts to assist the Committee in their endeavors to perfect the arrangements for a suitable send-off, and has arranged with his Auckland office to give the Flora good despatch on Saturday so as to get her here early on Sunday afternoon.

The horses will all be embarked on Sunday afternoon, Mr DesBarres with his usual good nature having kindly volunteered to render every assistance in this matter.

The steamer's ordinary passengers will leave the wharf at 4 o'clock, and the members of the contingents will muster as before at the firebell at 5 p.m. sharp.

They will be accompanied from there to the wharf by the bands, friendly societies, members of local bodies, fire brigade, and others.

The steamers will leave the wharf at 5.30 o'clock sharp and steam out to the Flora, which by that time should have taken in the horses, and finished all the working of cargo.

As soon as the contingent embark the Flora will lift her anchor and steam slowly out of the Bay, the steamers accompanying her for about a mile, returning to port about 6.30.

The Committee have arranged for a band of workers to barricade the wharf on Saturday afternoon between the two large sheds, thus giving plenty of room for the contingent and their officials, and there will also be a platform erected from which the last few words will be spoken.

This will also guard against accident from over-crowding, and will enable those on the wharf to see and hear everything that is going on.

As before, all the steamers of the port will be at the disposal of the Committees, including the Noko, and Tawera, kindly lent by Messrs Kennedy and Evans, and the Tuna by Messrs Nelson Bros.

The Contingent Committee have made arrangements to hold a church parade on Sunday morning in the Theatre Royal. Cannon Webb has kindly consented to read the lessons and the sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. G. Paterson.

After the service at the Theatre, an offertory will be taken in aid of the Fourth Contingent.

Mr James Craig has generously offered to provide the men of the contingent with their Sunday's dinner.

### AT THE CAMP.

The men at the camp were early astir this morning. Squad drill and manual exercises, were held after the ordinary duties of the morning had been performed. At nine o'clock a parade took place, and the company afterwards proceeded under Major McCredie to the Kaiti rifle range, where the shooting competition for the pair of field glasses, presented by W. Acland Hood, took place. A number of new applicants for enrolment have been received, and these will be dealt with by the Committee this afternoon. The men assembled at Tucker's paddock at three o'clock for riding practice and for selection, the following volunteers for service being present: James Henry James, John Smith, Joseph Wall, John Cameron, William J. Brown, Archie Campbell, George Carter, Anthony Webb, George Quinn, Charles Croon, Henry J. Harris, George Simpson, Edmund Kenny, R. J. Smith, Thomas Harris, Henry Driscoll, Robert Quedley, Hubert Tardley, Thomas Burch, George Grey, Patrick Brady, and John Chas. Ferris. Those selected will probably go into camp though upon this point the Committee are not agreed. The total number sent from this district including the Fifth Contingent is forty three, so Poverty Bay should be well represented at the front. The orderly officers at the camp are Sergeant Arthur and Corporal Barton, who have been appointed to act in these positions whilst the troopers are in camp.

The Committee acknowledge, with thanks, the following gifts:—A cask of beer and a quantity of lemonade from Mr D. J. Barry for the men at the camp; puddings from Mr How Chow; a parcel of books from Dr Cole, including three instruction books on ambulance, as well as a reliance tournequet. Mrs Mann supplied the camp with delicacies to-day; meat was forwarded by Mr Macfarlane, and bread by Mr Craig.