from the stake. For horses that have not won at better than ?35 to the mile. Limit, 4.5. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. Nom-Nom-Disination 20s., acceptance 30s tance. one mile and a-half.

- MANUKAU HANDICAP (Saddle) of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. For horses that have not won at better than 2.30 to the mile. Limit, 3.59. Nomin-ation 20s., acceptance 30s. Distance, one mile and a-half.
- LIVERPOOL HANDICAP (Harness) of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4.44. Nom-ination 2sovs, acceptance 4sovs. Distance, two miles.
- AUTUMN HANDICAP (Harness) of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4.58. Nomination 1sov, acc tance, two miles. acceptance 3sovs. Dis-
- ADAMS MEMORIAL HANDICAP (Har-AMS MEMORIAL HANDICAP (Har-ness) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10 sovs each from the stake. Limit. 3.40. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Distance, one mile and a-bale half.
- HAIT. HILL TROT HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. Limit, 5.0. Nom-ination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Dis-tance, two miles.
- MEMBERS' HANDICAP (Harness) of MBERS HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.58, Nom-ination 2sovs, acceptance 2½ sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.
- Distance, one mile and a-quarter. FAREWELL HANDICAP (Saddle) of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.26. Nom-ination 1sov, acceptance 2½ sovs Distance, one mile AUTUMN MEETING, 1916.

### DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACC ANCES AND HANDICAPS. ACCEPT

NOMINATIONS for all events close on FRIDAY MARCH 24 at 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES for the First Day close on FRIDAY, MARCH 31, at 9 pm. ACCEPTANCES for the Second Day close on THURSDAY, APRIL 6, it 9 p.m.

HANDICAPS for the First Day to appear on MARCH 27.

HANDICAPS for the Second Day to appear on APRIL 6.

RULES AND REGULATIONS. No nominations will be accepted un-kss accompanied by fees.

No competitor will be allowed to start unless all fees are paid. No competitor will be allowed to start unless colours, dress and gear are in good order and condition.

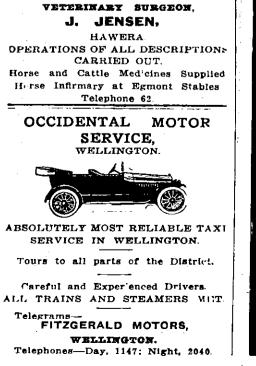
No horse will be allowed to compete in hopples in races for trotters only. Rule 172 New Zealand Rules of Trot-ting—By the entry of or endeavouring to enter a horse, every person having to enter a horse, every person having or subsequently acquiring any interest in such horse, shall be deemed to ac-cept all the conditions and restrictions imposed or impled by these Rules, and to be barred from questioning the action of the Glub or other body hold-ing a sports meeting or any official of the Club or such other body in respect of such horses, or of any person con-nected therewith otherwise than is pro-vided for in Part XXX. of the Rules. Placed houses on any day may be

Placed for in Part XXX. of the Rules. Placed horses on any day may be entered for shorter limit races on any succeeding day of the same meeting. Such entry must be made before 7 p.m. on the day of which the horse was placed except in the case of the third day of the Summer Meeting, for which such additional entry must be made before 7 p.m. on the second day of the meeting.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry and to exclude any person or persons from the ground with-

person or persons from the ground with-out giving any explanation. Before any horse can start the Pro-vident Fund fee of 5s. must be paid, under a penalty of disqualificat on, vide Rules of Trotting. All Entries and Acceptances to be addressed to the Secretary, Durham Street, Auckland.

C F. MARK. Secretary.





**HEAVYWEIGHT DARCY** 

KNOCKS HARDWICK OUT.

A FAST BOUT.

weight class at the Stadium was all

his best friends m ght have desired,

and everything the most regular

patrons of boxing contests anticipated.

I do not think anybody having know-

ledge of the fighting power of the two men (Harold Hardwick was Darcy's opponent) thought the ex-

amateur champion had even a reason-

able chance of defeating Australia's

premier middleweight, who would ap-

near to only need the opportunity to

prove himself the greatest 11st. 6lb.

boxer the world knows anything about

(remarks W. F. Corbett in the Syd-

The end was a technical knock-out.

Soon after the seventh round started

Darcy landed a left hook on the jaw,

and before Hardwick could quite re-

cover himself-while he was stooping

slightly with his head leaning to the

right near his own corner-Darcy

whipped a right over and chopped it

downward, making contact with his

adversary's ear. The weight of the

punch felled Hardwick, but he was

was certainly dazed, otherwise he

must have taken the full benefit of

the 10 seconds respite the law allows.

They charged at each other, and Darcy

put his right into action again, with

a similar result. This time Hardwick

rose immediately, only to be swept

pluck and determination remained so

strong that he had begun to straighten

himself to the perpendicular when the

towel fluttered from his corner. For a

moment or two the beaten man ap-

peared to not quite realise what had

happened. He made as if to continue

battling till his seconds entered the

ring and escorted him to the chair

which he had just left, probably never

suspecting that the conclusion was so

DARCY'S LOSS.

He whirled about his man, and wal-

loped him like the strong fighting ma-

chine he undoubtedly is, but Darcy

suffered a loss which could hardly

have been pleasant, though he did

look round at his corner during sev-

eral seconds subsequently sporting a

smile the while that fairly beamed.

Darcy won the battle in great style.

off his feet once again.

near.

He

Still his

rising as the gong clanged two.

ney "Sun."

Les Darcy's entry into the heavy-

something happened, how will be men-tioned further on. Two of Darcy's incisor teeth clattered on the boards close to his angle. He had spat them out. Judging by the careless way in which he treated the occurrence, and the fact that no blood could be seen, a visit to his dentist will remedy the shortage in very brief time, and leave him no worse than he was before.

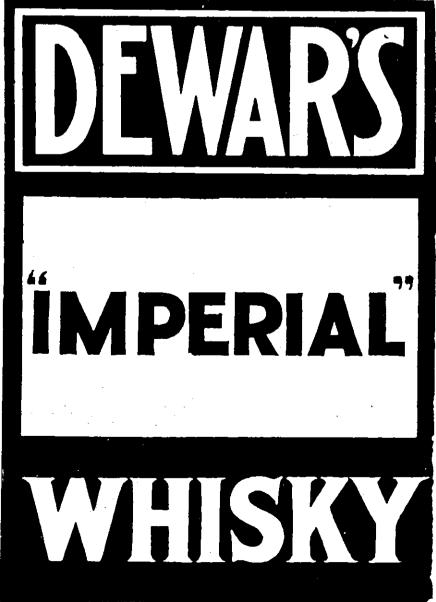
# HARDWICK WEIGHTY.

The weights were announced:-Hardwick, 12st. 8lb.; Darcy, 11st. 9½lb. The heavier lad looked to be more liberally clothed with t ssue than I have before seen him. Had the question been put to me before the announcer spoke I would certainly have guessed that he did not pull the beam at less than 13st. Not for a long time has Darcy fought before so small a crowd; but as it was it could not be referred to as a poor house. Perhaps three or four thousand people passed through the gates. Mr. Fred. Baker acted as referee, owing to the fact that the regular official, Mr. Arthur Scott, was Hardwick's tutor, and has been his coach right through his career as an amateur and professional. It is generally understood that Hardwick may not figure again as a principal in a boxing contest. He gave the professional game a trial at the instance of Mr. Baker and other friends, and will probably now settle down as a professional accountant, having passed the qualifying examination. Harold Hardwick is not rugged enough, nor is combativeness sufficiently pronounced in his temperament to justify continuance in pugilism. Gameness he has and to spare; also skill quite as good as that of the majority of boxers before the public at the moment; but the other essentials mentioned are absolutely necessary towards complete success.

### DARCY'S ATTACK.

Darcy's attack was too persistent, too vigorous, and too fast to be successfully combated by the man in opposition. This however notwithstanding Hardwick demonstrated fine skill in evasion at times, particularly by taking not a few blows-which might have wrought material harm-on the move, and so nullifying, or at least lessening, their effect. But this baffling never caused Darcy's vimful rushes and hammering to slacken. He went on and on again to such an ex-

Midway through the fourth round



tent that Hardwick found it expedient to clinch more frequently than is his habit; and though the crowd, while yelling "Break them, Baker!" which cry was heard frequently, and from hundreds of throats, apparently looked upon Hardwick as the offender. He did not always sin alone. Darcy, in his desire to keep the taller and longer man as close to him as possible, would hang on too, and occasionally he went suspiciously close to holding and hitting without, perhaps, intending to so seriously transgress. His left would rest over Hardwick's shoulder, while he drove his right to the left kidney, a spot which Darcy made a special mark of, forgetful, no doubt, that, though not barred, all blows landed on any part of the back of the body are, or should be, ignore 1 Ly the referee.

## COOD BOXING WORK.

Hardwick placed some nice blows. but not many of them were weighty. He varied his work nicely as often as the contest permitted, which was not by any means frequently. Hooks and crosses were shown by him, also left There was a time jabs and stabs. when, while the pair were hooked up, each pummelled the other's ribs with the right until the referee sundered them. Darcy frequently followed up a left jab with a right cross, and while some of those efforts must have been harmful to Hardwick, he, as I have already stated, managed to shift just in time to receive the blow on the move. That is the game of the skilful opponent. The nearer he can be to the deliverer of a punch, when the effort has been made, the better; because he can then attack his adversary on the moment, and so have a better chance of catching him unawares.

Never once did Hardwick look like having a chance of winning, but he responded to the pace set by his adversary, and pluckily hit back without fear, and only now and again without judgment. At close quarters Darcy would, here and there, whip his left up to the jaw three or four times in succession, and rise on the toes of both feet the while, as if to impart added force to the delivery.

The first good punch in the fourth round was Hardwick's nicely-judged left jab to the throat. Then Darcy drove a weighty left to the body and a right to the ribs. Immediately Hardwick stepped up with a solid blow -a right uppercut to the chin. Then they scuffled a bit right across the It was here that those teeth ring. were detached.

### BOXING AND WAR.

## LESSONS OF POPULAR SPORT.

Among the frequent visitors at the Sydney Stad um is Mr. Ashmead Bartlett, the world-famed war correspondent, whose stirring accounts of the colonials' operations at Gall poli made a vivid impression in all parts of the globe. Mr. Bartlett knows the poxing game thoroughly, and is one of its keenest supporters. The famous war correspondent recently availed himself of the opportunity of a conversation with Les Darcy, in whom he take: a good deal of interest. "When the war is over," remarked Mr. Bartlett "When the to the director of the Stadium, "what a match Darcy and Carpentier would make." Mr. Bartlett does not think the war will last long now, and at its termination he thinks boxing will be more popular than ever. This opin-ion is supported by what is said in the latest files of the London "Sport-ing Life." The boxing authority of -"The journal writes: voria has worked a revulsion of feeling in this country towards boxing, and has done more for the sport in 16 months than even the most optimistic could have hoped to see accomplished in 16 years of ordinary happenings. The value of boxing has been one of the great lessons of the war, and not only we have learned it, but American military men have sat up and ob-served, as may be gathered from the following, which appeared in the New York press a few days ago: 'The 22nd Corps of Engineers is going to enter the boxing game, and the reason, and what it is hoped to accomplish, was explained in detail at a meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission on Monday, December 13. Lieutenant-Colonel E. W. van C. Lucas, who commands the 22nd, and also is chief engineer on General O'Ryan's staff. appeared before the Boxing Commissioners and made the statement on behalf of his command. Colonel Lucas said, among others things, that he regarded boxing as one of the first steps in national preparedness. His