

## DESTRUCTION OF OPIUM

£15,000 WORTH BURNT. .

Within a few minutes on Wednesday over £15,000 worth of opium was reduced to ashes in the incinerator, at Moore Park (says a Sydney message in the "Advertiser"). The opium was discovered by the Customs searchers on the steamer Arafura last Friday, and as is the case with contraband cargo was ordered to be destroyed.

Inspector Bragg, of the Customs Department, Customs officials and a number of police conveyed the drug by motor car to the incinerator, and stood by until the contents of 1537 tins had been devoured by the flames. It was what is known as Ching Kee or No. 1 quality, and worth at the present market value £10 a tin.

This is not the first time opium confiscated by Customs officials has been burnt, but never has such a large quantity been destroyed. The drug, when placed in the huge furnace, burnt fiercely and in a few minutes all that remained to show what had been placed in the flames were blackened tins and a heap of ashes.