

## **HIGH FOREST TOWER. New Look-out at **Glenoran.****

Serving as an effective look-out over valuable forest for a radius between 10 and 15 miles, the highest fire-director tower to be erected by the Forests Department in this State was completed last week at Glenoran, about 12 miles west of Manjimup.

The tower is 125 feet high and an unusual feature of its construction, part of which was witnessed by the Conservator of Forests (Mr. S. L. Kessell) during his tour of inspection of some of the forestry areas in the South-West, was that the main supports were constructed on the ground and hauled into the upright position. Constructed of rounded timber, which requires less anchoring than square-cut wood and is less expensive to erect, the two main supports were each over 100 feet high. They were securely fixed at one end to the ground and then raised to the vertical with strong winches and ropes. The bracing together of the supports after they had been anchored in position preceded the construction of the ladder and the table top. The table top of the Glenoran tower is built around the four protruding ends of the supports, which have been so constructed as to form the legs of the table used by those in charge of the tower. A similar tower will shortly be erected about 20 miles to the north at a point east of Nannup and will have an observation range about the same as Glenoran.

The Forests Department has a look out point at Kirup which, 135 feet high, is actually taller than the one at Glenoran, but this is situated at the top of a large karri tree and did not involve the construction of supports.