

Fire Control.

Dear "Non-Com."—The secret of fire-control and suppression, whether in forest, field or city, is to locate the fire early, get to it quickly, and deal with it before it assumes large dimensions.

During the worst of the hot weather it is customary in the forests throughout



A LOFTY LOOK-OUT.

the world to employ men to watch for outbreaks of fire so that they can be dealt with whilst still small.

For this purpose, certain countries go to the length of aeroplane patrol, whilst in other forests tall observation towers are built to overlook the surrounding country.

At Ludlow, in this State, there is a novel observation post, of which I enclose two snaps. Here the local officer has cut the limbs from a tuart tree, and lopped the tree at a height of eighty-five feet, and from the top of this he has a very extensive view. For convenience in climbing he has spoked a pole 70 feet long to the tree, thus forming a ladder, and has another ladder of 15 feet above that again.

The fact that a view of Cape Naturaliste is visible from the top sometimes tempts visitors to ascend, but usually they decide, before they are half way up, that they will leave the second half for another day.

SMOKEDRIPT, Busselton.