



QUINTON KING, custodian of the Lakeside dump, shows the 1899 copy of The Globe discovered by his wife recently at the dump. (Staff Photo)

## Lakeside Landfill Man Finds Two Old Globes

Up to a couple of weeks ago, the oldest newspaper that Quinton King had come across at the Lakeside landfill site had been printed in 1951.

Now the landfill custodian has in his possession two editions of The Globe from the turn of the century - literally.

One of the papers is dated Tuesday Jan. 2, 1900. The

other is a section of the Dec. 30, 1899 paper headlined "Bird's Eye View Of 1899."

Mr. King, who has been custodian of the landfill site for the last three and a half years, normally keeps a eye out for newspapers.

As custodian, he explained, he has salvage rights to items dumped at the site. He collects discarded newspapers for recycling, sending about a ton of them to a recycling plant in Putnam every month.

The two Globes were actually discovered by Mr. King's wife Kathleen. She noticed the yellowed pages and called her husband's attention to them.

Mr. King considers the find to be noteworthy. He'll keep the papers for sure, he says, though he hasn't decided exactly what he'll do with them.

Of particular interest to the custodian are the ads in the papers which list items for sale at incredibly low prices compared to today's.

On Jan. 2, 1900, for example, the T. Eaton Company in Toronto was selling men's and boys' shirts and collars for 29 cents. Ladies skirts 33 and 40 inches long with embroidery were going for \$2.15 each.

Pillow cases were 20 cents a pair and hemmed sheets could be purchased for 85 cents to \$1.00 a pair.

The Globe itself could be obtained for a song.

A subscription for a year was \$4.00. It would cost a buck more, however, to have the paper delivered.

A single copy of the paper was a mere 2 cents.

Little wonder Mr. King considers the copies of The Globe he and his wife found to be such gems.