

Famously & Firstly Canadian



- Canadian John McIntosh discovered McIntosh apples in 1811 growing along the St. Lawrence River Valley
- The first recorded baseball game was played in Beachville, Ontario in 1838
- Montreal Professor Thomas Sterry Hunt developed special green ink to produce American bills ‘greenbacks’ that couldn’t be forged in 1862
- The world’s second most popular sport ‘basketball’ was the idea of Canadian James Naismith in 1892
- Tom Ryan became the father of five-pin bowling, by developing the game in Toronto in 1909
- Torontonian William Knapp developed the yucky-tasting Buckley’s Mixture in 19
- In 1948 Harry Galley received his patented for his stainless steel kitchen sink
- Montreal Canadian goalie Jacques Plante became the first goalie to start wearing a
- Instant mashed potatoes were patented by Edward Asselbergs in 1961
- Muskol the world’s most effective bug repellent is the creation of Charlie Coll (19
- Leslie McFarlane penned the famous *Hardy Boys* series as Franklin W. Dixon
- Torontonian Alex Tilley created the nearly indestructible ‘Tilley Hat’ in 1980
- Winnipeg was the first city in the world to develop the emergency ‘911’ system
- Canadian Deanna Brasseur & Jane Foster became the world’s first female jet fighter pilots in 1989
- Tim Collins of B.C. developed the Viewer Chip for parents to block offensive television programs
- In 1998, the ‘Sam Bat’ a maple baseball bat made by Ottawa carpenter Sam Holman was approved for use in professional baseball leagues
- In 1999 Ontario became the first place in the world to protect the skyscape from light pollution by designating a dark-sky park south of Lake Muskoka
- Canadians have developed – Trivial Pursuit, Balderdash, Mind Trap, Pictionary and A Question of Scruples



- Canada is home to the world’s...
 - Oldest chain store business is Canada’s Hudson Bay Company founded in 1670
 - Longest highway, the Trans Canada highway - 7,821 km
 - Longest street, Yonge Street - 1,900 km
 - Longest bridge – Confederation Bridge linking P.E.I. to N.B. – 12.9 km
 - Longest skating rink – 7.8 km Rideau Canal in Ottawa
 - Longest recreational trail – Trans Canada Trail will be over 16,000 km long

