

10 *INGENIOUS* CANADIAN INVENTIONS

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Hawaiian Pizza

Greek immigrant Sotirios “Sam” Panopoulos was one of the co-owners of Satellite Restaurant in Chatham, Ontario, when he invented Hawaiian pizza in 1962. This most polarizing of pizzas is traditionally topped with tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, bacon or ham, and pineapple, and its name refers to a specific brand of canned pineapple.

Newsprint

After years of experimenting with wood pulp, in 1844 poet Charles Fenerty of Nova Scotia invented newsprint, the inexpensive paper typically used for printing newspapers and flyers.

Internet Search Engine

In 1989, while a graduate student at Montreal’s McGill University, Barbados native Alan Emtage wrote and implemented the open-source program Archie. This tool for indexing FTP archives is widely considered to be the world’s first internet search engine.

Trivial Pursuit

What board game did Canadians Chris Haney and Scott Abbott invent in Ontario in 1979? Trivial Pursuit. Debuting in 1981 to slow sales, the game saw its popularity steadily rise, and today an estimated 100 million copies have been sold worldwide.

Instant Mashed Potatoes

While employed by the Canadian Department of Agriculture in Ottawa in 1960, food chemist Edward A. Asselbergs developed the modern method for making instant mashed potato flakes. He filed for a patent for the process in 1966.

Goalie Mask

Hailed as one of the greatest NHL players of all time, Jacques Plante was born in Quebec and spent much of his career goal-tending for the Montreal Canadiens. He created a goalie mask out of fibreglass and started wearing it regularly in 1959 during NHL regulation play—against the objections of his coach—after Plante’s nose was broken by a puck fired on net.



Snowmobile

Personal tragedy inspired Joseph-Armand Bombardier’s first major invention. He created the enclosed seven-passenger B-7 snowmobile after his young son fell ill during a blizzard and died, unable to be transported to hospital on Quebec’s snow-covered backroads. Production of the B-7 began in 1937.

Incandescent Light Bulb

After toiling away in Toronto on the design for an incandescent light bulb, Henry Woodward and Mathew Evans received a Canadian patent in 1874 and a U.S. patent in 1876. Unable to afford to commercialize their invention, the Canadian duo sold the rights to their U.S. patent to Thomas Edison in 1879 and also granted Edison an exclusive licence to their Canadian patent.

WonderBra

In 1963, while working for the Canadian Lady Corset Company in Montreal under founder Moses “Moe” Nadler, Louise Poirier designed the WonderBra Model 1300, also called the Dream Lift. This deeply plunging, laced push-up bra revolutionized the intimate-apparel industry, which had previously been dominated by girdles and other heavily structured undergarments.

Egg Carton

Newspaper publisher Joseph Coyle was living in Smithers, British Columbia, in 1911 when he invented the egg carton. Until then, baskets were commonly used to transport eggs from farms to towns on rough roads via horse and wagon, resulting in much breakage. The Coyle Egg Safety Carton was made of newspaper and featured an individual slot for each egg.



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