

## Canadian Inventors

Canada has had many inventions in its time and we will cover few, such as the telephone. Although the inventions are cool and all, we feel that the stars of the show are the inventors. So please tell us how much you like our presentation, enjoy.

### The Phone

The Phone was invented on March 7, 1876 and was patented by Alexander Graham Bell in that same year. The first call on the phone was “Mr. Watson, come here, I want to see you” because Mr. Watson helped Alexander Graham Bell. Phones became popular by the 1880’s. Alexander Graham Bell started working on his idea in the summer of 1874.

Mr. Graham Bell was born on March 3, 1847. He was the son of parents that helped deaf people hear (very fitting). He died on August 2, 1922. Fun fact: he actually founded the Bell Company.

### The Light Bulb

Some people might not actually know this, but one of the versions of the Light Bulb was designed by two Canadians! These Canadians are named Henry Woodward and Matthew Evans. Matthew Evans was born in 1825, and Henry Woodward was born in 1832. Matthew Evans was 7 years older than Henry Woodward. The pair of them did not actually do that well with their light bulb, but their invention was a good stepping stone for others like Thomas Edison.

Henry was a medical student before he started working on his project, whereas Matt was a hotel keeper before he was part of the project. It is not confirmed when Henry died, but we do know that he died some time after 1874. Matt died in 1899.

The light bulb was patented in 1874, and they started working on this in 1873. Fun Fact: This was the first patented light bulb.

### The Canadarm

The Canadarm was made by a group of inventors from Toronto. We will cover 3 of the many accomplished inventors. The names are Anthony Zubrzycki, Frank Mee, and Garry Lindberg. Anthony Z. was born on June 3, 1909, Frank Mee was born on September 3, 1926, Garry Lindberg was born on April 10, 1941. Anthony Z. died in 1969. Frank Mee died on October 9, 2012, and, amazingly, Garry Lindberg is still alive and well (he is 85).

Anthony Z. was an engineer. Frank Mee was the CEO of SPAR Aerospace and started seriously thinking about the Canadarm. Garry Lindberg was (and is) a product manager.

Fun Fact: The project to build the Canadarm spent over \$100 MILLION!

### The Electric Wheelchair

George Klein was a Canadian who made the electric wheelchair. The electric wheelchair was a revolutionary invention because so many people in wheelchairs cannot push themselves, so they have to get someone to push them. George Klein was a very accomplished inventor because he helped make or made many inventions, including the Canadarm, which we have already covered. George Klein started his work in 1929 and finished it in 1969. He was born on August 15, 1904, and died on February 5, 1992. Fun Fact: he was working on it for 40 YEARS!

Therefore, after we have walked you through this, we hope you have learned a few things about the history of Canadian inventions and their inventors, such as, the Electric Wheelchair

and George Klein, the Telephone and Alexander Graham Bell, the Light Bulb, Henry Woodward and Matthew Evans, and the Canadarm, Frank Mee, Garry Lindbeg, and Anthony Zubrzycki.

Another Fun Fact: Canadians made peanut butter!