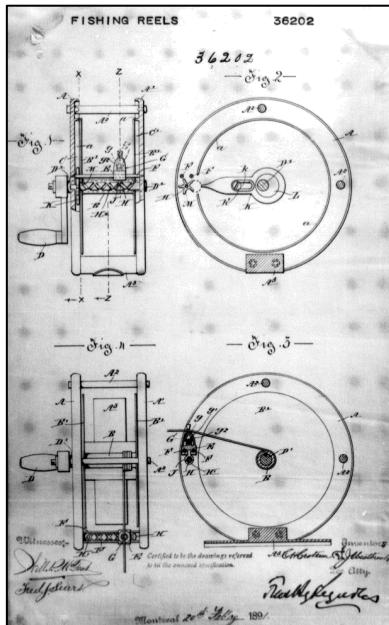


The Earliest Canadian Fishing Reel Patents Through 1945

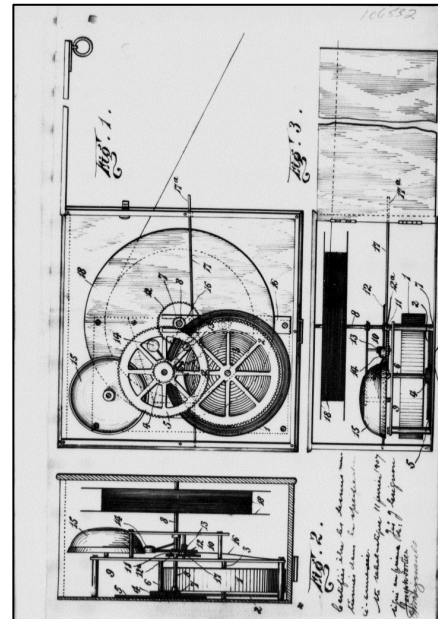
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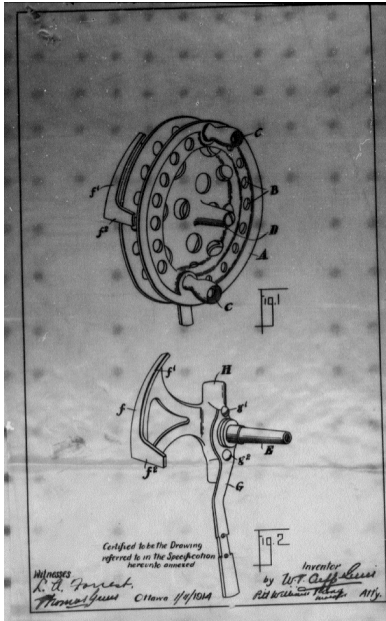
The authors researched early fishing equipment patents issued in “Canada”ⁱ from the time it was called British North America, up to 1945, starting from the very first recorded Canadian patent in 1824ⁱⁱ, long before Canada’s Confederation in 1867. No stone was left unturned. A total of 843 fishing equipment patents were found to have been issued in Canada (and its pre-Canada territories) during that time frame. Within that group of patents, collectors of old fishing reels will be interested to learn that there were 84 patents involving fishing reels issued in Canada by the end of 1945 however only these 7 patents were by Canadian inventors:



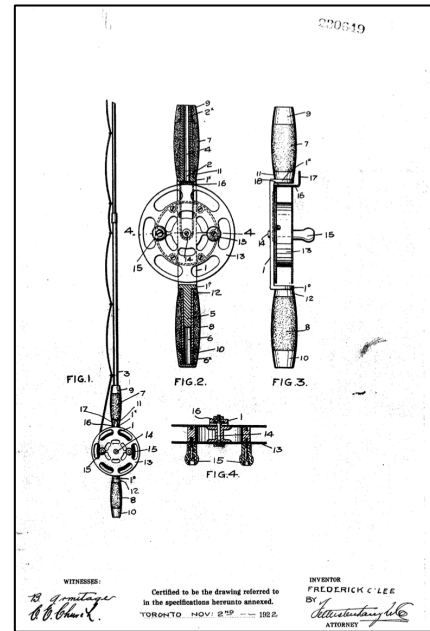
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HERMINIGILE CROTEAU, CANDIDE
& WESTBROOK, ERNEST JOSEPH
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LONGUEUIL, QC



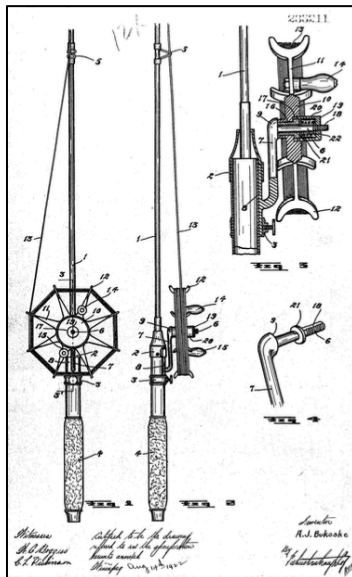
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FISHING LINES
GRIGNON, JOSEPH JEROME
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ST. SCHOLASTIQUE, QC



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STRONG, PITT WILLIAM
1915-03-30
BROCKVILLE, ON



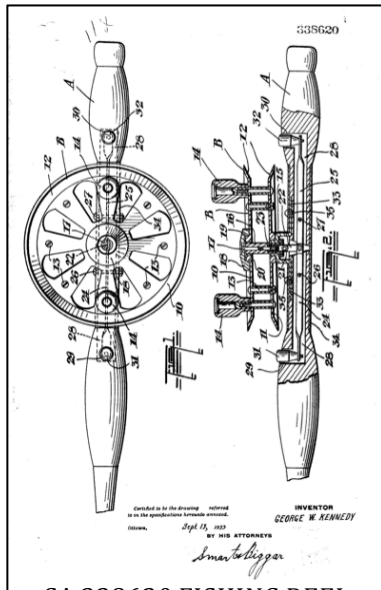
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LEE, FREDERICK CHARLES
1923-05-01
TORONTO, ON



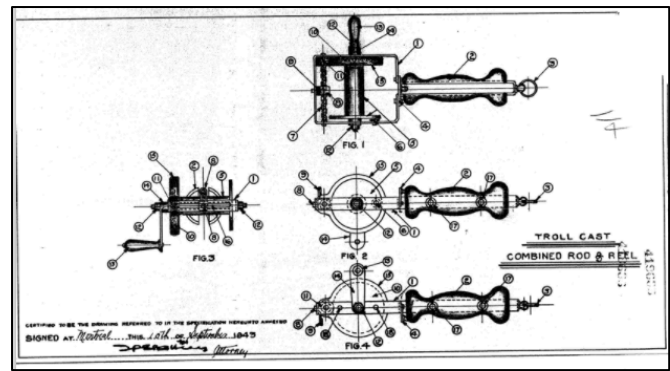
CA 233211 FISHING REEL
BUKOSKE, AUGUST JOHN
1923-08-07
WINNIPEG, MB



A GROUP OF VINTAGE CANADIAN MADE AND MARKED
FISHING REELS, FEATURING A RARE BUKOSKE
INDIANA STYLE REEL IN THE FOREGROUND -PATENT
CA 233211. (COLLECTION OF PAUL MANUEL)



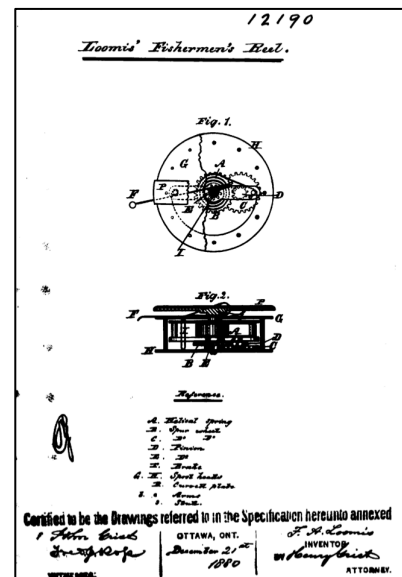
CA 338620 FISHING REEL
KENNEDY, GEORGE WILLIAM
1934-01-16
PETERBOROUGH, ON



CA 419636 FISHING ROD AND REEL
POUPORE, JOSEPH GUY & WORSLEY, ROBERT JAMES
1944-04-18
MONTREAL, QC

American inventors were awarded a total of 71 Canadian patents for fishing reels up to 1945, including Canada's earliest fishing reel patent # 12,190 in 1881. It was a reel improvement patent by Frank Loomis for an early version of his automatic spring wound fly reel. The remaining 6 reel related Canadian patents were issued to inventors from England (3), Scotland (1), New Zealand (1) and the Federation of Malay States (1).

Reel collectors may be surprised to learn which well known US reel inventors obtained patents in Canada. The most recognizable names include the likes of Edward Follett, Al Foss, Henry Keist, Frank Loomis, Herman Martin, Hyla Maynes, Emmett Perrine, William Sayre Sutton, and Elmer Sellers.



The Canadian reel patents are a small subset of 843 Canadian fishing equipment patents through 1945 that the authors collected. Nearly filling a DVD-ROM, the patent files cover: rods, reels, rod-reel combos, lures, baits, nets, hooks, floats, flies, traps, and even taxidermy. As well, some patents for commercial fishing and aqua-farming devices were included.

The database has been set up as a straightforward Microsoft Excel® file, completely sortable and filterable by Patent Number, Date, Category, Nationality, City, State, etc. and is far easier to analyze compared to the way the data is publicly presented on existing government websites. In fact, most of the online Canadian patents do not disclose or spell-out the inventor nationalities, whereas this database shows 98% of inventor nationalities (plus city/state details) based on COPR records and review of the actual documents.

This Excel tool with links to no-charge online data is being made available at no charge to tackle collectors and researchers for educational purposes, although donations for the development of the tool will be accepted. The Excel sheet is designed to work on Mac or Windows versions of Excel® 2013 and higherⁱⁱⁱ and requires an Internet connection.

Please contact Paul Manuel [mailto: pmanuel@sympatico.ca](mailto:pmanuel@sympatico.ca) for a copy of the Excel tool. [An offline version of the entire dataset can be made available at no charge in special cases].

ⁱ The Claims, Descriptions, Drawings and Bibliography files for Canadian patents after 1873 can be obtained at no charge online at the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) at:

<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/home>.

Canadian Patent Office Records (COPR) can be obtained online from <http://www.Hathitrust.org>, although a US IP address is required for certain records.

ⁱⁱ http://library.queensu.ca/webeng/patents/Canadian_Patent_Number_Guide.pdf

ⁱⁱⁱ Developed on i7 Mac OS Sierra 10.2.3 with Microsoft Excel Mac 2011. Compatible and partially tested with Win 8.1 and Win 10 with recent versions of Microsoft Excel. (Note: Mac "Numbers" spreadsheet app does not support local hyperlink formulas used in this sheet, where provided.) DVD-ROM reader required for the DVD version. DVD not required to obtain free online data using the given hyperlinks. In that case, an Internet connection is required (high speed DSL recommended).