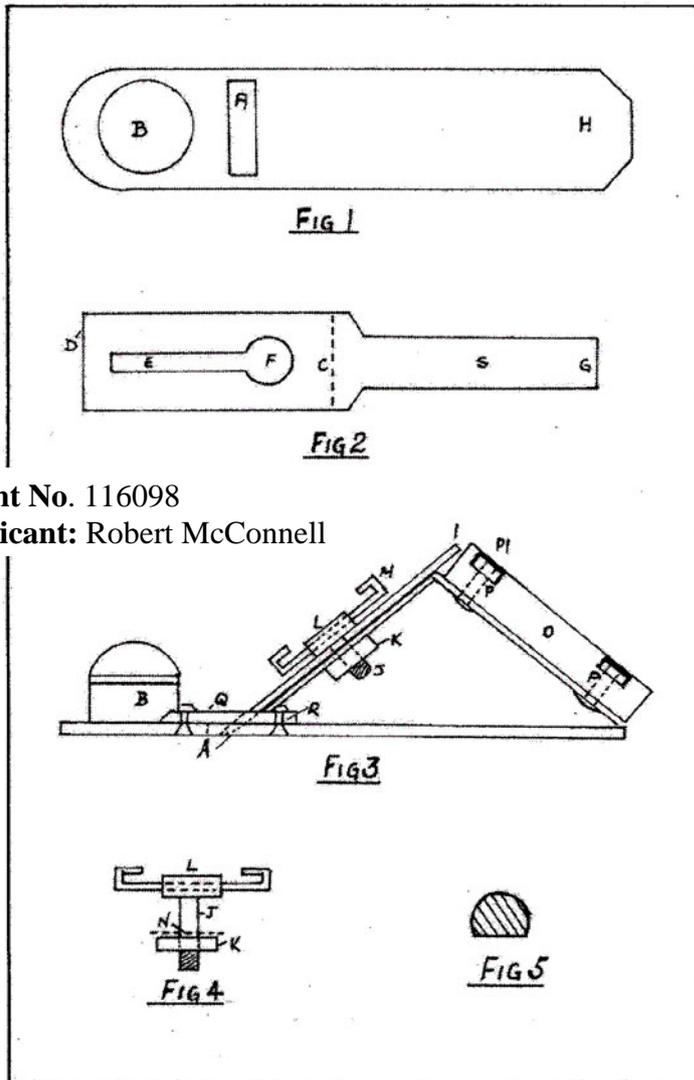


From 1927 – 1951 Robert McConnell was also the inventor, patentee and manufacturer of:

Roller skates, Automatic Gramophone, Sundowner Tent, Maxtable, Max Rubber Heels, Ammunition Gun, Nail Bits, Gold Cleaner, Tin Concentrator, Mitre Box, Frictionless Pump, Stringer Cutter, Coat and Vest Combination, Cistern etc., etc



Patent No. 116098

Applicant: Robert McConnell



Early smoother top and rare jack size below, both with riveted side stiffeners



The plane in the foreground is the last model with pressed steel sides

## McEWAN, JAMES & CO.

<1927 - >1967

119 – 125 Elizabeth St., and later 387 Bourke St., Melbourne Vic.

A large hardware company operating at the above addresses and with other suburban branches. They were taken over by Bunnings in recent years.

Their mark has been seen on obviously imported planes. That is, British unmarked coffin smoother, moulding, dado planes, and a stop chamfer plane manufactured by *John Moseley & Sons* of London

## McLAREN, JAS.

Possibly < 1891 to ca 1920?

Melbourne Vic.

Maker of quality dovetailed wood infill coffin shaped smoothing planes, but occasionally parallel sided, and some with a Norris style adjustment. They are marked with a circular stamp on the toe of the plane. They have a brass lever cap adjusting screw which also carries his mark.

Also documented are a 597mm (23 ½”) Stanley type jointer with a wooden frog; 2 steel bodied wood infill shoulder planes. One of these steel planes, 130mm (5”) long, has a laminated steel body, riveted and nicely shaped and bevelled. The wood appears to be rosewood as does the wedge. The name is clearly struck on the side of the wedge and the top of the infill. On the left side of the body scribed in cursive script is the name and date – J. McLaren Nov. 1891. The second steel plane, 210mm (8”) long, the infill seems to be Blackwood. His mark is on the toe of the plane. The blade is marked Barker Bros Melbourne and may be a replacement.



open handed smoother



Maker's mark on lever cap screw



panel plane