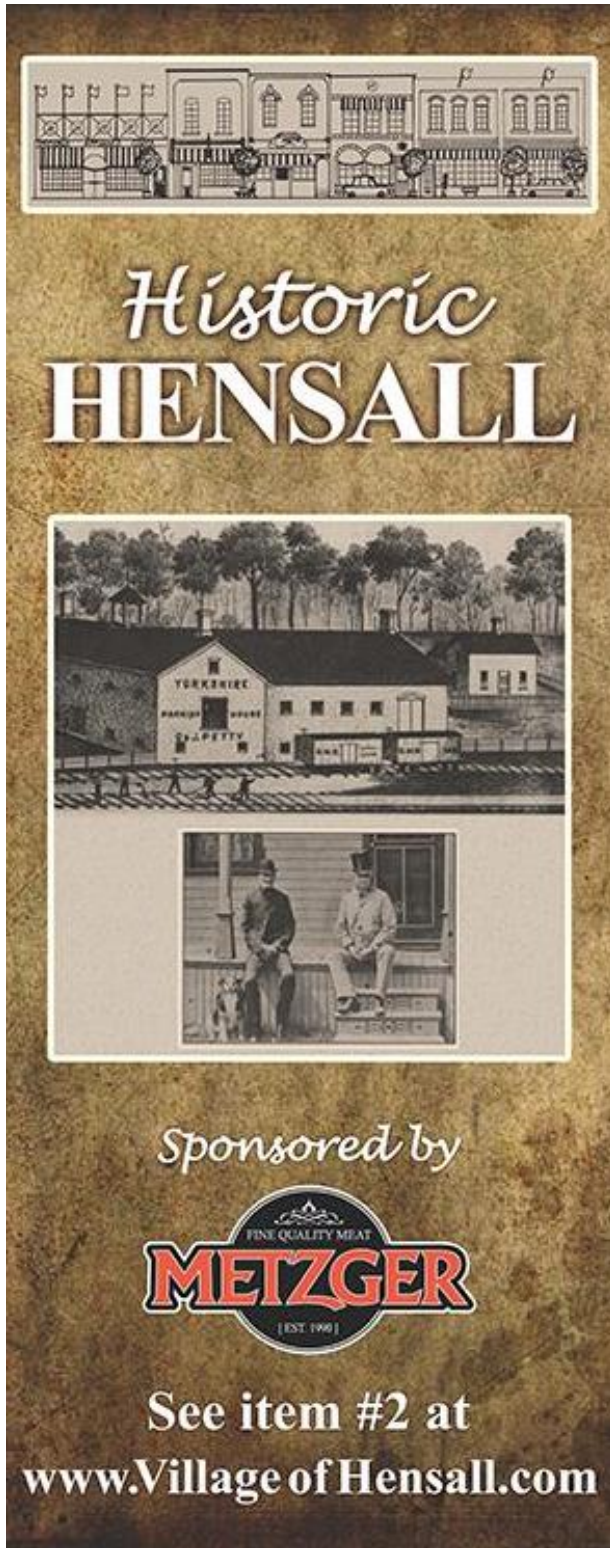


2 – The Petty Pork Plant



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YORKSHIRE
PACKING HOUSE
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Hensall's founders, George and James Petty, immigrated to Upper Canada in the early 1850's and were instrumental in bringing the railway through their section of land to be known as Hensall. The access to shipping by rail led to the opening of the first industry in Hensall. The Petty's, well-known for their stock dealership, built the Yorkshire Packing House shortly after 1876. Located on the west side of the tracks, opposite the station, it was Ontario's largest packing house at the time, handling over 12,000 pigs a year. Farmers from miles around supplied the animals, either for sale live, or already dressed. Until its close in 1900, much pork was sugar cured and shipped to markets in distant centers.

During the operating of the Packing House, villagers could buy fresh pork for five cents a pound.

