

## **BEAMSVILLE PRESERVING COMPANY**

In 1906, a canning factory was established on this site. As farms grew and fruit and vegetable production became more prevalent, there was a need for more than limited seasonal marketing of fresh product. The Town gave the Beamsville Preserving Company an incentive of ten years property tax relief and free water to build a canning factory so that fruit and vegetables could be processed and shipped anywhere. By 1912 this factory canned 50,000 bushels of tomatoes. In 1924, the business was taken over by Canadian Canners and became a major employer of women in the Town.

The business closed during the Great Depression and the building was destroyed by fire in 1953.

However canning created a new market for growers and helped establish the Town of Lincoln as a major fruit and vegetable producing area.



