

CHAPTER 4

Modern Luxuries Arrive: 1910 to 1919

The 1910s was a progressive decade for the residents of Dunedin. The town had its main dirt road, Oak Street, paved over with brick and rechristened “Main Street.” The oak trees were cut away to make room for growth and expansion.

In 1914, Dunedin got its first telephone lines, and around the same time, electricity was beginning to make its way into the homes of local residents. The women of Victoria Drive were making waves as active participants in the suffragette movement.

Dunedin got its first bank in 1913, and opened the Red Brick schoolhouse. Skinner Machinery Co. was incorporated and went on to become the largest manufacturer of packing house equipment in the world. By the end of the decade, the population reached 650.

Top: Bank of Dunedin building on Main Street; Middle: B.C. Skinner (center) of Skinner Machinery Co.; Bottom: Red Brick Schoolhouse
(Source: DHM)

