HELENSBURGH COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY:

The Helensburgh miners, who had no co-operative stores back in Scotland, formed a co-operative store in 1892, renting a small cottage in Walker Street and later larger premises at the corner of Stuart and Lilyvale Streets, where they conducted a general store. The premises were burnt down in 1906 at about the time North Helensburgh branch store was opened. The Society later rented and purchased the building in Walker Street, which was replaced by a modern brick store officially opened on June 9, 1956.

Industry in Helensburgh features Helensburgh Manufacturing Company, established in June, 1945, under sponsorship of the Government which, with seventy employees produce many types of clothing, some of which is used to fill Government contracts. Another firm manufactures handkerchiefs.