

# Tom Lightfoot served community for 30 years

"Love of and pride in his family, his family business of four generations, and his church were the outstanding attributes of this fine man" said Rev. R. G. Oliver at the funeral service of Thomas W. Lightfoot of Lorne Park and Clarkson, held in Christ's Church, Clarkson July 5 with scores of friends and business associates attending. Mr. Lightfoot died peacefully in his Lorne Park home on July 3 after 10 months failing health.

By EVELYN CRICKMORE  
Tom Lightfoot was born in Toronto Aug. 21, 1904, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lightfoot. He is survived by his wife Winnifred Mary Price whom he married in Victoria Presbyterian Church, W. Toronto in 1926, two sons, Thomas W. of Meadowdale and Calvin P. at home, a daughter Barbara Winnifred, Mrs. Glen Grice, Cooksville, nine grandchildren Joan, Tom, Ann and Katherine Sarah

Lightfoot and Mary, Janet, Martha, Mark and Elizabeth Grice, a brother Harold N. Lightfoot of Niagara-on-the-Lake and a sister Mrs. Evelyn Price of Toronto.  
In 1939 Mr and Mrs. T. W. Lightfoot and family moved from Toronto to their new 70-acre farm on Southdown rd., Clarkson. From there each morning until 6 years ago Mr. Lightfoot drove at 5.30 a.m. to Toronto's St. Lawrence Market to make sure of the finest of

produce for the family business of S. Lightfoot and son, begun in 1873 by his grandmother Sarah and her son Tom, one of 12 children.  
**STOOD IN STRAW**  
They left their market garden, now Roncesvalles ave. at 2 a.m. drove in sleigh or wagon to the original open-sided St. Lawrence Market where they had two stalls. In winter they stood in straw to their waists, trying to keep warm, and sold by Lantern light. With business growing, when Sarah and Tom moved into the new closed-in St. Lawrence Market built nearby, they continually added stalls. From this grew the modern, model plant and cold storage covering 1 1/2 acres on Southdown rd. Clarkson.

only deals in all Canadian fruits and vegetables, it imports the finest from Europe, Mexico and the United States, including Hawaii. It serves all the large hotel and clubs in Toronto and nearby centres. And in affectionate respect for its founder, Sarah, retains her initial in its name.  
**TOOK OVER**  
Twenty years ago Thomas W. Lightfoot's son Calvin began helping him in the plant, becoming an efficient assistant. Following the death of his father, Calvin became head of the firm.

At 16, T. W. Lightfoot began helping his father who had taken over the business from Sarah. When Tom, sr. died in 1932 T. W., at 27, became head of the business for which a l t o g e t h e r he worked for 47 years.  
Sarah and the first Tom started with 11 vegetables. The firm now not

During the 30 years Mr. Lightfoot lived in or near Clarkson he gave his devotion and loyalty as a member of Christ's Church, serving on the Session and on all fundraising committees. With his family he took not only an interest in Clarkson people and projects but often part in community activities. He will be greatly missed.  
The pall bearers were two brothers-in-law Tom Richardson and Tom Grant, Ralph Manley, Osborne Nelles, Allan McNabb and James L. Johnston. Interment was in Spring Creek Cemetery, Clarkson.

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