(Mrs.) F.D. Roosevelt

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Please pardon my delay in writing and extending our sincere sympathy to you and your family.

I wish to take this opportunity to let you know what great love and respect we have for our wonderful President.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

In every election my three sons, my wife, and myself with their dog Jiggs (no signs!), worked at the election polls. Words cannot express how deeply we all felt

in the loss to yourself
and family.

And the great loss to the nation.

May God bless you, and your family always.

Respectfully and sincerely

Bessie H. Howard
and Family.
10 William St., Brantford, Canada
Thursday, March 20, 1947

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

The enclosed was written in Ottawa, in the spring of 1945, less than a year after I had the privilege of hearing President Roosevelt address a large audience on Parliament Hill, in the Canadian capital.

These lines have not appeared in print and, at best, constitute only one of countless tributes to your late husband. However, I am mailing them to you because I am convinced that they express the true sentiments of my countrymen from coast to coast, who recall with admiration and affection the memory of a gallant crusader and good neighbor.

Very sincerely yours,
Walter M. Howard
THE RADIANT CHARM OF SPRING IS IN THE SKY,
THE MEADOWLARK INCITES US TO BE GAY,
THE HEART'NING SIGNS OF VICTORY MULTIPLY—
AND THEN—A MESSAGE FILLS US WITH DISMAY!

A NEIGHBOR THAT WE CHERISHED, GALLANT, GOOD,
SHORT-SUMMONED FROM TH' EXIGENCIES OF STATE,
HAS LEFT THIS SADDER, POORER NEIGHBORHOOD
AND FOUND HIS RIGHTFUL REST AMONG THE GREAT.

"TREE FARMER" HE WAS TERMED, AND, TO THE NORTH,
IN NEIGHBORS' HEARTS HE PLANTED AND THERE GREW
THE TREE OF FRIENDSHIP THAT HAS BLOSSOMED FORTH,
THE ROOTS WHEREOF WENT DEEPER THAN WE KNEW.

THE CRIPPLED HAVE A NAME THAT THEY REVERE;
THE HAPLESS SLAVES OF GREED AND TYRANNY
ARE FINDING FREEDOM, NOW, FROM WANT AND FEAR,
WHILE LOSING HIM WHO FOUGHT TO MAKE THEM FREE.

CAN SUCH CRUSADING, DAUNTLESSNESS PERVADE
AMONG THOSE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS LEFT BEHIND?
THEN WE CAN FACE THE FUTURE UNDISMAYED
TO BUILD THE COMRADESHP OF ALL MANKIND!