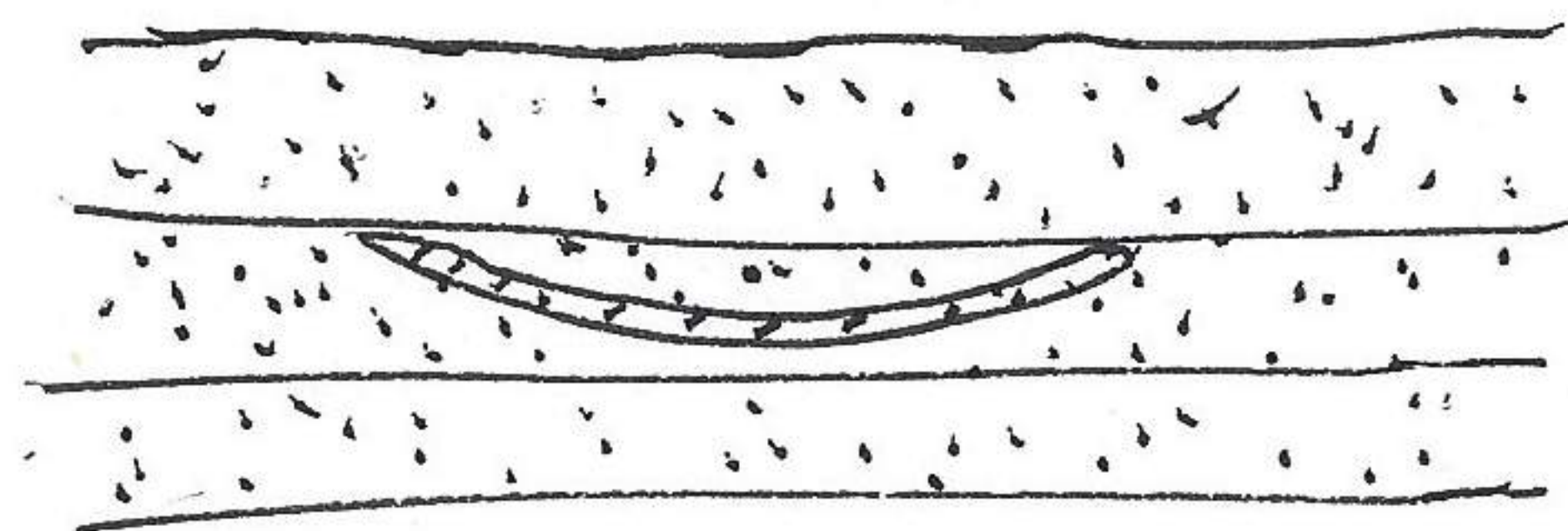


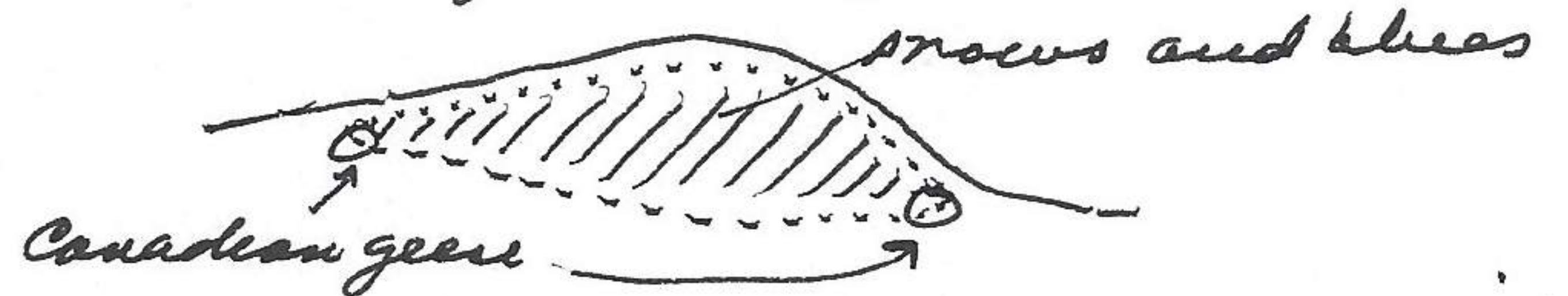
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On the west side of lake (see map) there were approx. 800 blue and snow geese feeding in fields, 1000 ducks, 250 ring-billed gulls (these are in addition to the ones nearer camp.) Left camp at old town of Ozawie and drove N up over uplands and then down to point where water of lake contacts the road. at this time the water was high enough to cover part of road and made passage by car-trailer inadvisable; other trucks have passed thru the inundated part of road. at this point observed 8 great blue heron in one group. Returned to old Ozawie, thence E to road that goes N to Paradise Point area. The road connecting Paradise Point is under construction. Some exposed cuts should be investigated especially those of sandstone, which occur in stratification and waterlain, and the structures within the sandstones, especially the reddish lenticular layers and other structural inclusions. These are presumably Pennsylvanian in age.



Continued W to the NW corner of peninsula and from here could see approx 60,000 blue and snow geese with percentages of 60 snows to 40 blues. They were directly N across the lake in an inundated field (just S of building (utilily)). They were all in water and resting.

Birds were arriving from the NE, none from the south.



From here we put canoe in water and from a point on N side of old river channel just beyond the N edge, were able to get a close view of these geese. Although partly hidden by weeds, I am surprised that the geese did not leave. They become alerted however. On the two extensions of the flock (W and E) were Canadian geese (approx 50 birds each). Continued up old river channel to Indian artifact site, the top of the bank now about 2 feet above the water. In this area were 28 coot and several hundred mallards (at least 200) in flood field to NW. There is evidence of beaver cuttings but banks too shallow for bank house (underground). There was one bank house of sticks at point beyond artifact site, in the same position as observed on previous trips down the river. Other birds associated with the river drainage and flooded fields were 30 pintails, 9 shovellers, 18 gadwalls, 2 marsh hawks, 3 crows, song sparrows, meadowlark, 1 flock 26 redwing blackbird and 2 great blue herons. Returned to W end Paradise Point with canoe. On our return from the