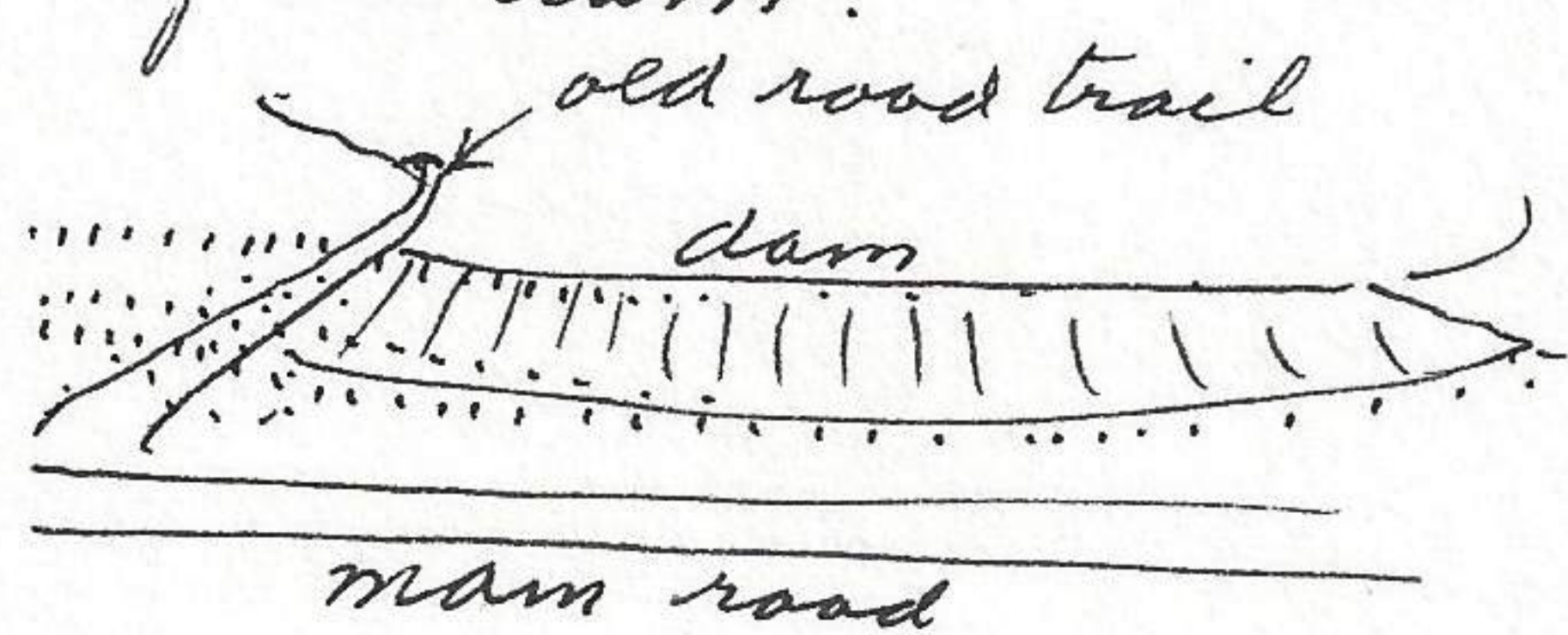


Creek. About 250 feet of ice in upper part of bay, lake open beyond.  
 28 ringbilled gulls on ice. Creek 90% open and thin new ice.  
 Redtail on top of dead tree on S side of bay. 84.6 12 meadowlarks  
 84.8 pond on left open and snow to edge of water. 86.1 5 meadowlarks,  
 50 tree sparrows, 6 cardinals, 2 chickadees, 1 titmouse and 15 juncos.  
 many tree sparrow flocks seem to constitute this species only. 86.6  
 7 juncos. 87.0 Now W to Paradise Pt. 5 tree sparrow. All road clear  
 & dry but snow to edge of road. 88.1 12 meadowlarks and 1 sparrow  
 hawk flew up from ground together. 88.2 3 meadowlarks & 3 tree  
 sparrow. 88.4 black redtail with dark blackish red tail. Lake all in  
 open water and blue contrasts with snow on the countryside to edge of  
 lake. On the lee side of this peninsula for its entire length are  
 approximately 4000 Am mergansers feeding from shore to about  
 400 feet out into lake and they are generally distributed rather than  
 in local groups. As the shoreline trends SE & S the mergansers  
 are absent. It appears as if they are seeking protection from the  
 cold wind from the N. Some are resting on shore but 90% are  
 feeding. Approx. 500 mallards are in same area, 80% are resting  
 on shore. 300 golden eye are feeding in bay and approx 400  
 pintails are mixed with the mallards. There may be other kinds  
 of ducks as my observation point is on curve before park gates and  
 the distance is considerable. No one is in area because gates to  
 park have been closed during the period of snow for the last 3 or 4  
 days and these birds are taking advantage of the non-harassment  
 by using shore <sup>water</sup> for resting and protection from winds. If people  
 were allowed on the peninsula these birds would be forced elsewhere  
 or into the center of the lake. When boats use the area <sup>later</sup> these birds are  
 continually harassed and have no other choice than to migrate north!  
 against their better instincts.

Gate closed so left car and hiked to N side of peninsula.  
 Recorded all tracks in snow from road (see map) up road to divide  
 and down road to N edge at lake valley level. Left at 9:50 A.M.

9:52 3 sets coyote tracks. There are 15 sets of tracks made by one or several  
 coyotes between main road and dam of pond in about 80 feet. These  
 tracks were trending E-W + WE at what would be the area covered  
 by the dam.



Beyond the top of the dam on road there  
 were no tracks until divide.

9:45 Coyote tracks, 4 Peromyscus at divide  
 Tracks of coyote made yesterday were three  
 5-8 inches of snow to ground while those  
 made last night are only 1/4 inch or less deep.

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