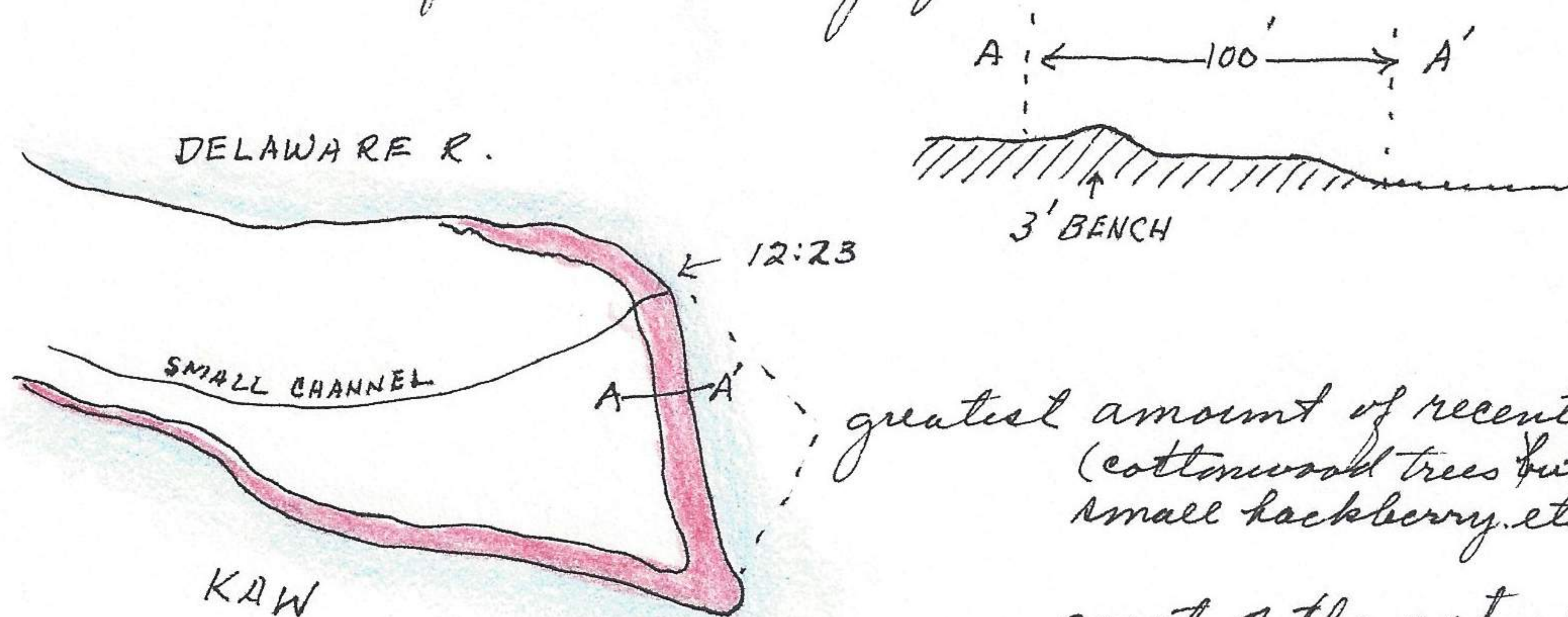


Arrived mouth Delaware River 11:54 having kept a critical eye on any bald eagles that might be returning to the area since disturbed by Van Huesen this A.M. At mouth were 92 mallards, 28 mergansers, 12 goldeneyes. They all flew up the Delaware and alighted again. The W bank of the mouth of the Delaware as far up river as trees grow near river and up N side Kaw to place indicated on map, the beaver were unusually active. I believe this activity is the result of several families of beaver. Most activity has taken place the last two days as far as snow trail evidence is indicated and may be a late winter renewed activity. Undoubtedly they have been moderately active throughout the winter, but new chips on new snow indicates very recent cutting of trees.



greatest amount of recent activity:
(cottonwood trees but black willow, small hackberry, etc.)

most of the activity was on west bank of mouth of river and

in an area approx 1000' long by 100' wide. The N side of Kaw had activity for over 2000' of river bank, considerable new cutting and much old cutting. In one area of bench, 100' from water were 15 trees felled, one right after the other ranging in diameter from 1' to 1 1/2'. Most activity last night or since last snow. Felled trees were not being dragged to water but bark eaten from upper limits of trees. Small trees in several instances were removed from area but snow along side of trails did not show drag scars.

Trails about every 50' from edge of water and snow to water. The most common one from water edge was a trail of 3 or 4 uses, some individual beaver tracks (one animal) but trails mainly patted down 4-6 inches with white sides of snow and bottom stained with dirt. Once beyond the concentrated pathway, individual trails led to other trees, some approached but not touched. Considerable trampling of snow where they fed on bark of downed trees & limbs. Highest cut on tree (standing 33 inches), highest reach of limb on ground 38".

beaver tracks
in snow.

Coyote tracks led thru the full length of beaver activity. This was an animal that was near point, probably watching the ducks and when