were not.

I knew the life history of nearly every rancher and cowpuncher
in our part of the country——"our part" embracing an area ~~afxaxfewxhundredxxx~~
from Calgary to Banff ——a matter of eighty miles alone over the highway.
But distances meant nothing to us.   A neightbor was the rancher twenty or thirty
miles off.   I thought nothing of going on horse to call upob a neighbor.   ~~Samaxx~~
~~Orxcourzasx~~   Of course, I sometimes ~~xpamx~~ made a whole day's trip of it,
spending the night with them —— but it was nothing.   ~~kxxixwaxxx~~   We all
had automobiles moreover, and we were back and forth at each others places.
~~Mastxofxthx~~   There were a number of "Old-timers"——fine people who had
come in in pioneer days, and I never tired hearing their stories of when
they trekked across from this or that re part of the world and slept on the
trail in all kinds of weather, and of the first shacks erected. &c.
~~Ttakenxasx~~   ~~Otherxofxourxnaighbors~~

There were a spinkling of Americans among the ranchers in the foothills ——
adventurous fellows who had drifted somehow or ether across the line, and thete
were any number of English people, ranching, as a sort of sport——or rather
~~they had started "rawnching" in that way, but~~   they were soon in the game as
we were in dead earnest.   For we had to be, if we wished to hold on to the money
we had invested.   We had a duke's son riding the range for us.   Down the
road a little way the son of a peer kept in the summer a little road house.
Another duke's grandson had a polo and dude ranch adjoining ours.   Two
Italian princes (of the Royal family) had a great horse ranch, and one of them
was the manager of it.   (Incident here)

~~Rvaxy~~   One realized the adventurous quality of the ranchers
at, say, some big dance or gymkhanna, when each ones history was retailed.
~~Thaxa~~ ~~Thaxbrathx~~   Among those present were people from the four corners of
the earth, whose birth and environment had previously been as far apart as the anti-
podes.   ~~Thaxsonxofxxthaxlordxwasxrubbingxelbowxxxwithxthaxxxxxxthx~~

I knew nearly every Indian upon the Reserve——and there were sevecal
hundreds of them.   If I did'nt know them personally I knew them by sight at