

weights carried were 11 stone in the Ladies' Race, 13 stone 7 lb. in the Heavy-weights', and 12 stone 7 lb. in the remainder. No penalties. The biggest prize offered to a winner was £20, other winners getting £10 each. Though only one Steward (Lord Somerleyton) was a peer, the sport was probably in better repute than it was in 1864. The entries were certainly better and totalled 82 for the day instead of 33; indeed, the shortage in 1950 was more of men than of horses, so that your honorary editor was able to ride in three of the five races.

### *The MSS. of Nathaniel Bacon of Stiffkey (1547-1622)*

THE Norfolk Record Society is hoping to publish a very full calendar of Nathaniel Bacon's papers. Ever since the Camden Society published a small selection of these in 1915, it has provided one of the principal sources for our knowledge of late Tudor and early Stuart local government and there is little doubt that the presentation of the entire collection would be a major contribution to historical scholarship. Unfortunately the manuscripts are now scattered throughout the world. An editorial team is at present endeavouring to track down as many as possible and would welcome the co-operation of any readers who may either possess Bacon manuscripts or know of their whereabouts.

If you have any information please write to Dr. A. Hassell Smith, Centre of East Anglian Studies, University of East Anglia, University Village, Norwich, NOR 88C.

In order to avoid wasted effort we list below those owners or guardians who are known to us and who have generously allowed us to consult their manuscripts.

1. The Marquess Townshend of Raynham.
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4. The late Mr. H. L. Bradfer-Lawrence. (His manuscripts are now deposited in the Norfolk & Norwich Record Office.)
5. Mr. T. S. Blakeney.
6. Mr. G. R. Martyn.
7. The Norfolk & Norwich Record Office.
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9. The British Museum.
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12. The University of Chicago Library, Chicago.
13. The Library of the Francis Bacon Foundation Inc., Pasadena, California.