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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: March 31, 2006

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Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: The Bank of Nova Scotia  
Address: 40 King St. West  
Scotia Plaza 9th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1H1

13F File Number: 28-11475

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Maria Theofilaktidis  
Title: Vice President, Financial Accounting and Controls  
Phone: (416) 866-4269

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ Maria Theofilaktidis Toronto, Ontario, Canada May 11, 2006

Report Type (Check only one.):

- [ ] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT.  
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[ X] 13F COMBINATION REPORT.

List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:

Form 13F File Number	Name
28-11461	Scotia Capital Inc.
28-11460	Scotia Cassels Investment Counsel Ltd.
28-11459	Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Co.

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FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 1  
 Form13F Information Table Entry Total: 141  
 Form13F Information Table Value Total: \$15,804,367 (thousands)

List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

No.	13F File Number	Name
	28-11472	BNS Investments Inc.

NAME OF ISSUER	TITLE OF CLASS	CUSIP	FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE				PUT/ CALL	INVSTMT DSCRETN	OTH MANA
			VALUE (x\$1000)	SHARES/ PRN	SH/ AMT	PRN			
3M CO	COM	88579Y101	1181	15645	SH		Defined		
ABITIBI-CONSOLIDATED INC	COM	003924107	29013	7016032	SH		Sole		
ADVANTAGE ENERGY INCOME FD	TR UNIT	00762L101	7619	399249	SH		Sole		
AGRIUM INC	COM	008916108	6178	244955	SH		Sole		
ALCAN INC	COM	013716105	110704	2420023	SH		Sole		
ALCOA INC	COM	013817101	503	16495	SH		Defined		
ALTRIA GROUP INC	COM	02209S103	1106	15645	SH		Defined		
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO	COM	025816109	865	16495	SH		Defined		
AMERICAN INTL GROUP INC	COM	026874107	1087	16495	SH		Defined		
ANHEUSER BUSCH COS INC	COM	035229103	3208	75000	SH		Sole		
AT&T INC	COM	00206R102	445	16495	SH		Defined		
AT&T INC	COM	00206R102	5269	194855	SH		Sole		
ATI TECHNOLOGIES INC	COM	001941103	6794	395995	SH		Sole		
AVAYA INC	COM	053499109	1130	100000	SH		Sole		
BANK MONTREAL QUE	COM	063671101	1246397	21941095	SH		Sole		
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION	COM	060505104	9108	200000	SH		Sole		
BARRICK GOLD CORP	COM	067901108	115204	4235405	SH		Sole		
BCE INC	COM	05534B109	964878	40063185	SH		Sole		
BCE INC	COM	05534B109	16859	700000	SH		Defined	1	
BIOVAIL CORP	COM	09067J109	5548	228669	SH		Sole		
BOEING CO	COM	097023105	1282	16495	SH		Defined		
BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB CO	COM	110122108	2461	100000	SH		Sole		
BROOKFIELD ASSET MGMT INC	CL A LTD VT SH	112585104	620486	11274541	SH		Sole		
BROOKFIELD PPTYS CORP	COM	112900105	84555	2492690	SH		Sole		
CAE INC	COM	124765108	17287	2199457	SH		Sole		
CAMECO CORP	COM	13321L108	38103	1059616	SH		Sole		
CANADIAN NAT RES LTD	COM	136385101	199743	3594749	SH		Sole		
CANADIAN NATL RY CO	COM	136375102	345073	7616120	SH		Sole		
CANADIAN PAC RY LTD	COM	13645T100	44166	885437	SH		Sole		
CATERPILLAR INC DEL	COM	149123101	1167	16290	SH		Defined		
CDN IMPERIAL BK OF COMMERCE	COM	136069101	1086581	14757281	SH		Sole		

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CELESTICA INC	SUB VTG SHS	15101Q108	3526	308975	SH	Sole
CHC HELICOPTER CORP	CL A SUB VTG	12541C203	29651	1170000	SH	Sole
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORP	COM	165167107	4712	150000	SH	Sole
CISCO SYS INC	COM	17275R102	288	15000	SH	Defined
CISCO SYS INC	COM	17275R102	2167	100000	SH	Sole
CITIGROUP INC	COM	172967101	769	16180	SH	Defined
CITIGROUP INC	COM	172967101	9446	200000	SH	Sole
CNX GAS CORP	COM	12618H309	1300	50000	SH	Sole
COCA COLA CO	COM	191216100	689	16495	SH	Defined
COCA COLA CO	COM	191216100	11724	280000	SH	Sole
COGNOS INC	COM	19244C109	5531	142422	SH	Sole
COMCAST CORP NEW	CL A	20030N101	3504	133927	SH	Sole
CONCUR TECHNOLOGIES INC	COM	206708109	273	14709	SH	Sole
COTT CORP QUE	COM	22163N106	1323	102739	SH	Sole
CVS CORP	COM	126650100	5974	200000	SH	Sole
DISNEY WALT CO	COM DISNEY	254687106	459	16495	SH	Defined
DOLLAR TREE STORES INC	COM	256747106	8301	300000	SH	Sole
DOMTAR INC	COM	257561100	4192	593632	SH	Sole
DORAL FINL CORP	COM	25811P100	2888	250000	SH	Sole
DU PONT E I DE NEMOURS & CO	COM	263534109	694	16495	SH	Defined
ELECTRONIC ARTS INC	COM	285512109	5472	100000	SH	Sole
ENBRIDGE INC	COM	29250N105	435221	15129115	SH	Sole
ENCANA CORP	COM	292505104	300017	6429715	SH	Sole
EXXON MOBIL CORP	COM	30231G102	950	15645	SH	Defined
EXXON MOBIL CORP	COM	30231G102	21301	350000	SH	Sole
FAIRFAX FINL HLDGS LTD	SUB VTG	303901102	19101	179634	SH	Sole
FAIRMONT HOTELS RESORTS INC	COM	305204109	24516	550451	SH	Sole
FALCONBRIDGE LTD NEW 2005	COM	306104100	460066	13147967	SH	Sole
GATEWAY INC	COM	367626108	657	300000	SH	Sole
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO	COM	369604103	1043	31495	SH	Defined
GENERAL MTRS CORP	COM	370442105	350	16495	SH	Defined
GLAMIS GOLD LTD	COM	376775102	6165	189000	SH	Sole
GOLDCORP INC NEW	COM	380956409	14276	487988	SH	Sole
HEWLETT PACKARD CO	COM	428236103	1013	31495	SH	Defined
HOME DEPOT INC	COM	437076102	696	16495	SH	Defined
HONEYWELL INTL INC	COM	438516106	704	16495	SH	Defined
IMPERIAL OIL LTD	COM NEW	453038408	326939	3036941	SH	Sole
INCO LTD	COM	453258402	15029	301500	SH	Sole
INTEL CORP	COM	458140100	973	50000	SH	Sole
INTEL CORP	COM	458140100	1049	53495	SH	Defined
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHS	COM	459200101	1748	21645	SH	Defined
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHS	COM	459200101	16494	200000	SH	Sole
INTERNATIONAL RECTIFIER CORP	COM	460254105	4143	100000	SH	Sole
INTEROIL CORP	COM	460951106	3237	247400	SH	Sole
INTRAWEST CORPORATION	COM NEW	460915200	8223	240844	SH	Sole
IPSCO INC	COM	462622101	15428	148900	SH	Sole
ISHARES INC	MSCI JAPAN	464286848	720	50000	SH	Sole
ISHARES TR	MSCI EMERG MKT	464287234	715	7220	SH	Sole
ISHARES TR	DJ US REAL EST	464287739	2098	28530	SH	Sole
ISHARES TR	MSCI EAFE IDX	464287465	2090	32180	SH	Sole
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	COM	478160104	1200	20645	SH	Defined
JP MORGAN CHASE & CO	COM	46625H100	685	16495	SH	Defined
KINROSS GOLD CORP	COM NO PAR	496902404	5394	494879	SH	Sole
MAGNA INTL INC	CL A	559222401	266967	3541367	SH	Sole
MANULIFE FINL CORP	COM	56501R106	1211375	19313216	SH	Sole
MCDONALDS CORP	COM	580135101	565	16495	SH	Defined
MDS INC	COM	55269P302	7711	428474	SH	Sole
MERCK & CO INC	COM	589331107	580	16495	SH	Defined
MERCK & CO INC	COM	589331107	17065	484400	SH	Sole
METHANEX CORP	COM	59151K108	28647	1399998	SH	Sole
MI DEVS INC	CL A SUB VTG	55304X104	33629	965562	SH	Sole
MICROSOFT CORP	COM	594918104	448	16495	SH	Defined

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MOLSON COORS BREWING CO	CL B	60871R209	5259	76667	SH	Sole
MOTOROLA INC	COM	620076109	23322	1018000	SH	Sole
NEXEN INC	COM	65334H102	79683	1447424	SH	Sole
NISOURCE INC	COM	65473P105	6066	300000	SH	Sole
NORTEL NETWORKS CORP NEW	NOTE 4.250% 9/0	656568AB8	1444	1500000	PRN	Defined
NORTEL NETWORKS CORP NEW	COM	656568102	20785	6800246	SH	Sole
NOVA CHEMICALS CORP	COM	66977W109	51182	1795743	SH	Sole
NOVELIS INC	COM	67000X106	11199	545918	SH	Sole
ORBITAL SCIENCES CORP	COM	685564106	229	14500	SH	Defined 1
PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC	COM	703481101	3196	100000	SH	Sole
PETRO-CDA	COM	71644E102	147300	3106655	SH	Sole
PFIZER INC	COM	717081103	410	16495	SH	Defined
PFIZER INC	COM	717081103	19313	775000	SH	Sole
PHARMACEUTICAL HLDERS TR	DEPOSITRY RCPT	71712A206	7140	100000	SH	Sole
PITNEY BOWES INC	COM	724479100	8612	200600	SH	Sole
POTASH CORP SASK INC	COM	73755L107	33249	377773	SH	Sole
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	COM	742718109	948	16495	SH	Defined
PROGRESS ENERGY INC	COM	743263105	9192	209000	SH	Sole
QUEBECOR WORLD INC	COM NON-VTG	748203106	30546	3113243	SH	Sole
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTL IN	COM	749121109	1360	200000	SH	Sole
RESEARCH IN MOTION LTD	COM	760975102	24690	291616	SH	Sole
ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC	CL B	775109200	9819	257433	SH	Sole
ROYAL BK CDA MONTREAL QUE	COM	780087102	2421121	57441984	SH	Sole
SCHERING PLOUGH CORP	COM	806605101	15196	800200	SH	Sole
SHAW COMMUNICATIONS INC	CL B CONV	82028K200	7661	321278	SH	Sole
SLM CORP	COM	78442P106	144611	2784200	SH	Sole
SMTC CORP	COM NEW	832682207	788	469082	SH	Sole
SOURCE INTERLINK COS INC	COM NEW	836151209	665	59612	SH	Sole
SPDR TR	UNIT SER 1	78462F103	1995	15360	SH	Sole
SUN LIFE FINL INC	COM	866796105	700593	16481229	SH	Sole
SUNCOR ENERGY INC	COM	867229106	170011	2215474	SH	Sole
TALISMAN ENERGY INC	COM	87425E103	419493	7900155	SH	Sole
TELUS CORP	NON-VTG SHS	87971M202	253100	6544634	SH	Sole
THOMSON CORP	COM	884903105	371244	9956682	SH	Sole
TORONTO DOMINION BK ONT	COM NEW	891160509	1651994	29653120	SH	Sole
TRANSALTA CORP	COM	89346D107	44787	2350000	SH	Defined 1
TRANSALTA CORP	COM	89346D107	115685	6070037	SH	Sole
TRANSCANADA CORP	COM	89353D107	576147	19986327	SH	Sole
TRANSCANADA CORP	COM	89353D107	35313	1225000	SH	Defined 1
UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORP	COM	913017109	925	15990	SH	Defined
UST INC	COM	902911106	12480	300000	SH	Sole
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	COM	92343V104	560	16495	SH	Defined
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	COM	92343V104	14476	425000	SH	Sole
WACHOVIA CORP 2ND NEW	COM	929903102	1401	25000	SH	Sole
WAL MART STORES INC	COM	931142103	784	16645	SH	Defined
WAL MART STORES INC	COM	931142103	5905	125000	SH	Sole
WEIGHT WATCHERS INTL INC NEW	COM	948626106	3574	69534	SH	Defined 1
ZALE CORP NEW	COM	988858106	2803	100000	SH	Sole