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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: December 31, 2005

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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 February 14, 2006

Report Type (Check only one.):

[ ] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT.  
[ ] 13F NOTICE.  
[ 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: 137  
 Form13F Information Table Value Total: \$14,686,931 (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
1	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 AMT	SH/ PRN				
3M CO	COM	88579Y101	1135	14645	SH		Defined		
ABITIBI-CONSOLIDATED INC	COM	003924107	28111	7015732	SH		Sole		
AGRIUM INC	COM	008916108	5383	244355	SH		Sole		
ALCAN INC	COM	013716105	99249	2416823	SH		Sole		
ALCOA INC	COM	013817101	399	13495	SH		Defined		
ALTRIA GROUP INC	COM	02209S103	1020	13645	SH		Defined		
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO	COM	025816109	695	13495	SH		Defined		
AMERICAN INTL GROUP INC	COM	026874107	921	13495	SH		Defined		
ANHEUSER BUSCH COS INC	COM	035229103	3222	75000	SH		Sole		
AT&T INC	COM	00206R102	7833	319855	SH		Sole		
AT&T INC	COM	00206R102	330	13495	SH		Defined		
ATI TECHNOLOGIES INC	COM	001941103	6725	394995	SH		Sole		
AVAYA INC	COM	053499109	1067	100000	SH		Sole		
BANK MONTREAL QUE	COM	063671101	1222732	21877495	SH		Sole		
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION	COM	060505104	9230	200000	SH		Sole		
BARRICK GOLD CORP	COM	067901108	96531	3463906	SH		Sole		
BCE INC	COM	05534B109	16775	700000	SH		Defined	1	
BCE INC	COM	05534B109	955277	39863185	SH		Sole		
BIOVAIL CORP	COM	09067J109	5406	228369	SH		Sole		
BOEING CO	COM	097023105	948	13495	SH		Defined		
BROOKFIELD ASSET MGMT INC	CL A LTD VT SH	112585104	590850	11724241	SH		Sole		
BROOKFIELD PPTYS CORP	COM	112900105	1263	42690	SH		Sole		
CAE INC	COM	124765108	16113	2199457	SH		Sole		
CAMECO CORP	COM	13321L108	33565	529008	SH		Sole		
CANADIAN NAT RES LTD	COM	136385101	185732	3748149	SH		Sole		
CANADIAN NATL RY CO	COM	136375102	305188	3810760	SH		Sole		
CANADIAN PAC RY LTD	COM	13645T100	37026	884037	SH		Sole		
CATERPILLAR INC DEL	COM	149123101	768	13290	SH		Defined		
CDN IMPERIAL BK OF COMMERCE	COM	136069101	987862	15035781	SH		Sole		
CELESTICA INC	SUB VTG SHS	15101Q108	3271	308275	SH		Sole		
CHC HELICOPTER CORP	CL A SUB VTG	12541C203	27475	1170000	SH		Sole		

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CISCO SYS INC	COM	17275R102	349	20000	SH	Defined
CISCO SYS INC	COM	17275R102	1712	100000	SH	Sole
CITIGROUP INC	COM	172967101	675	13880	SH	Defined
CITIGROUP INC	COM	172967101	4853	100000	SH	Sole
COCA COLA CO	COM	191216100	544	13495	SH	Defined
COCA COLA CO	COM	191216100	11287	280000	SH	Sole
COGNOS INC	COM	19244C109	4997	143322	SH	Sole
COMCAST CORP NEW	CL A	20030N101	3471	133927	SH	Sole
CONCUR TECHNOLOGIES INC	COM	206708109	190	14709	SH	Sole
COTT CORP QUE	COM	22163N106	1520	102639	SH	Sole
CVS CORP	COM	126650100	5284	200000	SH	Sole
DISNEY WALT CO	COM DISNEY	254687106	324	13495	SH	Defined
DOLLAR TREE STORES INC	COM	256747106	9576	400000	SH	Sole
DOMTAR INC	COM	257561100	3336	578232	SH	Sole
DORAL FINL CORP	COM	25811P100	2650	250000	SH	Sole
DU PONT E I DE NEMOURS & CO	COM	263534109	574	13495	SH	Defined
ENBRIDGE INC	COM	29250N105	472629	15125715	SH	Sole
ENCANA CORP	COM	292505104	290862	6435915	SH	Sole
EXXON MOBIL CORP	COM	30231G102	16851	300000	SH	Sole
EXXON MOBIL CORP	COM	30231G102	767	13645	SH	Defined
FAIRFAX FINL HLDGS LTD	SUB VTG	303901102	20979	145234	SH	Sole
FAIRMONT HOTELS RESORTS INC	COM	305204109	23286	550551	SH	Sole
FALCONBRIDGE LTD NEW 2005	COM	306104100	402647	13573267	SH	Sole
GATEWAY INC	COM	367626108	753	300000	SH	Sole
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO	COM	369604103	829	23495	SH	Defined
GENERAL MTRS CORP	COM	370442105	262	13495	SH	Defined
GENTEK INC	COM NEW	37245X203	595	33289	SH	Sole
GOLDCORP INC NEW	COM	380956409	10819	485788	SH	Sole
HEWLETT PACKARD CO	COM	428236103	521	18058	SH	Defined
HOME DEPOT INC	COM	437076102	546	13495	SH	Defined
HONEYWELL INTL INC	COM	438516106	503	13495	SH	Defined
IMPERIAL OIL LTD	COM NEW	453038408	301330	3036541	SH	Sole
INCO LTD	COM	453258402	12984	299000	SH	Sole
INTEL CORP	COM	458140100	337	14495	SH	Defined
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHS	COM	459200101	1157	14045	SH	Defined
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHS	COM	459200101	16440	200000	SH	Sole
INTERNATIONAL RECTIFIER CORP	COM	460254105	3190	100000	SH	Sole
INTEROIL CORP	COM	460951106	2891	107400	SH	Sole
INTRAWEST CORPORATION	COM NEW	460915200	6902	240844	SH	Sole
IPSCO INC	COM	462622101	6653	80000	SH	Sole
ISHARES INC	MSCI JAPAN	464286848	6084	450000	SH	Sole
ISHARES TR	DJ US REAL EST	464287739	1371	21360	SH	Sole
ISHARES TR	MSCI EAFE IDX	464287465	1480	24880	SH	Sole
ISHARES TR	MSCI EMERG MKT	464287234	510	5780	SH	Sole
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	COM	478160104	820	13495	SH	Defined
JP MORGAN CHASE & CO	COM	46625H100	536	13495	SH	Defined
KINROSS GOLD CORP	COM NO PAR	496902404	4567	494579	SH	Sole
MAGNA INTL INC	CL A	559222401	219661	3041267	SH	Sole
MANULIFE FINL CORP	COM	56501R106	1039660	17710920	SH	Sole
MCDONALDS CORP	COM	580135101	455	13495	SH	Defined
MDS INC	COM	55269P302	7383	426974	SH	Sole
MERCK & CO INC	COM	589331107	429	13495	SH	Defined
MERCK & CO INC	COM	589331107	21770	684400	SH	Sole
MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC	COM	590188108	6773	100000	SH	Sole
METHANEX CORP	COM	59151K108	7518	399998	SH	Sole
MI DEVS INC	CL A SUB VTG	55304X104	33276	965562	SH	Sole
MICROSOFT CORP	COM	594918104	491	18495	SH	Defined
MICROSOFT CORP	COM	594918104	10460	400000	SH	Sole
MOLSON COORS BREWING CO	CL B	60871R209	5112	76667	SH	Sole
NEXEN INC	COM	65334H102	68921	1446324	SH	Sole
NISOURCE INC	COM	65473P105	6258	300000	SH	Sole
NOKIA CORP	SPONSORED ADR	654902204	1830	100000	SH	Sole

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NORTEL NETWORKS CORP NEW	COM	656568102	20746	6796646	SH	Sole
NORTEL NETWORKS CORP NEW	NOTE 4.250% 9/0	656568AB8	1433	1500000	PRN	Defined 1
NOVA CHEMICALS CORP	COM	66977W109	16537	1795543	SH	Sole
NOVELIS INC	COM	67000X106	11449	545918	SH	Sole
ORBITAL SCIENCES CORP	COM	685564106	186	14500	SH	Defined 1
PETRO-CDA	COM	71644E102	124689	3108555	SH	Sole
PFIZER INC	COM	717081103	315	13495	SH	Defined
PFIZER INC	COM	717081103	18073	775000	SH	Sole
PHARMACEUTICAL HLDERS TR	DEPOSITRY RCPT	71712A206	6966	100000	SH	Sole
PITNEY BOWES INC	COM	724479100	8475	200600	SH	Sole
PLACER DOME INC	COM	725906101	30081	1314217	SH	Sole
POTASH CORP SASK INC	COM	73755L107	30602	382273	SH	Sole
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	COM	742718109	839	14495	SH	Defined
PROGRESS ENERGY INC	COM	743263105	9180	209000	SH	Sole
QUEBECOR WORLD INC	COM NON-VTG	748203106	17748	1313043	SH	Sole
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTL IN	COM	749121109	1130	200000	SH	Sole
RESEARCH IN MOTION LTD	COM	760975102	19285	292216	SH	Sole
ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC	CL B	775109200	10814	255633	SH	Sole
ROYAL BK CDA MONTREAL QUE	COM	780087102	2316927	29672792	SH	Sole
SCHERING PLOUGH CORP	COM	806605101	16684	800200	SH	Sole
SHAW COMMUNICATIONS INC	CL B CONV	82028K200	6996	322478	SH	Sole
SLM CORP	COM	78442P106	15701	285300	SH	Sole
SPDR TR	UNIT SER 1	78462F103	1465	11770	SH	Sole
SUN LIFE FINL INC	COM	866796105	604173	15036451	SH	Sole
SUNCOR ENERGY INC	COM	867229106	139590	2214174	SH	Sole
TALISMAN ENERGY INC	COM	87425E103	418427	7899855	SH	Sole
TELUS CORP	NON-VTG SHS	87971M202	334407	2204634	SH	Sole
THOMSON CORP	COM	884903105	291018	8533888	SH	Sole
TIDEWATER INC	COM	886423102	3650	82100	SH	Sole
TORONTO DOMINION BK ONT	COM NEW	891160509	1584269	30140767	SH	Sole
TRANSALTA CORP	COM	89346D107	51345	2350000	SH	Defined 1
TRANSALTA CORP	COM	89346D107	104309	4774137	SH	Sole
TRANSCANADA CORP	COM	89353D107	38604	1225000	SH	Defined 1
TRANSCANADA CORP	COM	89353D107	629804	19985327	SH	Sole
UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORP	COM	913017109	782	13990	SH	Defined
UST INC	COM	902911106	12249	300000	SH	Sole
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	COM	92343V104	12801	425000	SH	Sole
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	COM	92343V104	481	13495	SH	Defined
WACHOVIA CORP 2ND NEW	COM	929903102	1322	25000	SH	Sole
WAL MART STORES INC	COM	931142103	639	13645	SH	Defined
WAL MART STORES INC	COM	931142103	5850	125000	SH	Sole
WASHINGTON MUT INC	COM	939322103	4350	100000	SH	Sole
WEIGHT WATCHERS INTL INC NEW	COM	948626106	16482	319534	SH	Defined 1
ZALE CORP NEW	COM	988858106	2516	100000	SH	Sole