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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: September 30, 2005

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[] adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: The Bank of Nova Scotia
Address: 44 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 Reporting and Controls
Phone: (416) 866-4269

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ Maria Theofilaktidis Toronto, Ontario, Canada November 14, 2005

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: 135
 Form13F Information Table Value Total: \$13,687,769 (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	SH/ AMT	PRN			
3M CO	COM	88579Y101	1002	13645	SH		Defined		
ABITIBI-CONSOLIDATED INC	COM	003924107	28233	6951262	SH		Sole		
AGRIUM INC	COM	008916108	5110	232419	SH		Sole		
ALCAN INC	COM	013716105	89759	2832087	SH		Sole		
ALCOA INC	COM	013817101	330	13495	SH		Defined		
ALTRIA GROUP INC	COM	02209S103	1006	13645	SH		Defined		
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO	COM	025816109	833	14495	SH		Defined		
AMERICAN INTL GROUP INC	COM	026874107	899	14495	SH		Defined		
ANHEUSER BUSCH COS INC	COM	035229103	3228	75000	SH		Sole		
AT&T CORP	COM NEW	001957505	4950	250000	SH		Sole		
ATI TECHNOLOGIES INC	COM	001941103	4749	364810	SH		Sole		
AVAYA INC	COM	053499109	3090	300000	SH		Sole		
BANK MONTREAL QUE	COM	063671101	1114110	22411339	SH		Sole		
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION	COM	060505104	12630	300000	SH		Sole		
BARRICK GOLD CORP	COM	067901108	99846	3444830	SH		Sole		
BCE INC	COM	05534B109	19175	700000	SH		Defined	1	
BCE INC	COM	05534B109	1081771	39490585	SH		Sole		
BIOVAIL CORP	COM	09067J109	4867	208853	SH		Sole		
BOEING CO	COM	097023105	986	14495	SH		Defined		
BRASCAN CORP	CL A LTD VT SH	10549P606	663135	14241351	SH		Sole		
BROOKFIELD PPTYS CORP	COM	112900105	1250	42690	SH		Sole		
CAE INC	COM	124765108	14935	2220557	SH		Sole		
CAMECO CORP	COM	13321L108	27045	507066	SH		Sole		
CANADIAN NAT RES LTD	COM	136385101	166294	3682852	SH		Sole		
CANADIAN NATL RY CO	COM	136375102	270326	3809797	SH		Sole		
CANADIAN PAC RY LTD	COM	13645T100	44123	1025604	SH		Sole		
CATERPILLAR INC DEL	COM	149123101	840	14290	SH		Defined		
CDN IMPERIAL BK OF COMMERCE	COM	136069101	968470	15510200	SH		Sole		
CELESTICA INC	SUB VTG SHS	15101Q108	3233	288536	SH		Sole		
CHC HELICOPTER CORP	CL A SUB VTG	12541C203	25157	1170000	SH		Sole		
CISCO SYS INC	COM	17275R102	265	15000	SH		Defined		

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CISCO SYS INC	COM	17275R102	1792	100000	SH	Sole
CITIGROUP INC	COM	172967101	645	14480	SH	Defined
CITIGROUP INC	COM	172967101	10242	225000	SH	Sole
COCA COLA CO	COM	191216100	626	14495	SH	Defined
COCA COLA CO	COM	191216100	12093	280000	SH	Sole
COGNOS INC	COM	19244C109	5089	131733	SH	Sole
COMCAST CORP NEW	CL A	20030N101	3935	133927	SH	Sole
CONCUR TECHNOLOGIES INC	COM	206708109	182	14709	SH	Sole
COTT CORP QUE	COM	22163N106	1657	93925	SH	Sole
CP SHIPS LTD	COM	22409V102	8044	379543	SH	Sole
DISNEY WALT CO	COM DISNEY	254687106	350	14495	SH	Defined
DOLLAR TREE STORES INC	COM	256747106	8660	400000	SH	Sole
DOMTAR INC	COM	257561100	3641	566790	SH	Sole
DORAL FINL CORP	COM	25811P100	3267	250000	SH	Sole
DU PONT E I DE NEMOURS & CO	COM	263534109	568	14495	SH	Defined
ENBRIDGE INC	COM	29250N105	484323	15113330	SH	Sole
ENCANA CORP	COM	292505104	252211	4321974	SH	Sole
EXXON MOBIL CORP	COM	30231G102	14297	225000	SH	Sole
EXXON MOBIL CORP	COM	30231G102	931	14645	SH	Defined
FAIRMONT HOTELS RESORTS INC	COM	305204109	18351	550156	SH	Sole
FALCONBRIDGE LTD NEW 2005	COM	306104100	445719	16679693	SH	Sole
FOAMEX INTL INC	COM	344123104	350	5475526	SH	Sole
GATEWAY INC	COM	367626108	810	300000	SH	Sole
GENERAL ELEC CO	COM	369604103	589	17495	SH	Defined
GENERAL MTRS CORP	COM	370442105	444	14495	SH	Defined
GENTEK INC	COM NEW	37245X203	1478	101932	SH	Sole
HEWLETT PACKARD CO	COM	428236103	423	14495	SH	Defined
HOME DEPOT INC	COM	437076102	553	14495	SH	Defined
HONEYWELL INTL INC	COM	438516106	544	14495	SH	Defined
IMPERIAL OIL LTD	COM NEW	453038408	351874	3052866	SH	Sole
INCO LTD	COM	453258402	12946	273774	SH	Sole
INTEL CORP	COM	458140100	358	14495	SH	Defined
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHS	COM	459200101	1176	14645	SH	Defined
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHS	COM	459200101	16044	200000	SH	Sole
INTRAWEST CORPORATION	COM NEW	460915200	431	15844	SH	Sole
IPSCO INC	COM	462622101	5687	80000	SH	Sole
ISHARES INC	MSCI JAPAN	464286848	8533	700000	SH	Sole
ISHARES TR	DJ US REAL EST	464287739	1373	21360	SH	Sole
ISHARES TR	MSCI EAFE IDX	464287465	1056	18180	SH	Sole
ISHARES TR	MSCI EMERG MKT	464287234	389	4580	SH	Sole
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	COM	478160104	864	13645	SH	Defined
JPMORGAN & CHASE & CO	COM	46625H100	492	14495	SH	Defined
KINROSS GOLD CORP	COM NO PAR	496902404	3477	452687	SH	Sole
MAGNA INTL INC	CL A	559222401	228305	3036627	SH	Sole
MANULIFE FINL CORP	COM	56501R106	652233	12231481	SH	Sole
MCDONALDS CORP	COM	580135101	486	14495	SH	Defined
MDS INC	COM	55269P302	7582	422703	SH	Sole
MERCK & CO INC	COM	589331107	451	16495	SH	Defined
MERCK & CO INC	COM	589331107	18623	684400	SH	Sole
MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC	COM	590188108	8295	135200	SH	Sole
METHANEX CORP	COM	59151K108	5924	399998	SH	Sole
MI DEVS INC	CL A SUB VTG	55304X104	32620	965562	SH	Sole
MICROSOFT CORP	COM	594918104	373	14495	SH	Defined
MICROSOFT CORP	COM	594918104	12865	500000	SH	Sole
MOLSON COORS BREWING CO	CL B	60871R209	4898	76667	SH	Sole
NEXEN INC	COM	65334H102	68679	1413942	SH	Sole
NISOURCE INC	COM	65473P105	7275	300000	SH	Sole
NOKIA CORP	SPONSORED ADR	654902204	3382	200000	SH	Sole
NORTEL NETWORKS CORP NEW	COM	656568102	25053	8008841	SH	Sole
NORTEL NETWORKS CORP NEW	NOTE 4.250% 9/0	656568AB8	1428	1500000	PRN	Defined
NOVA CHEMICALS CORP	COM	66977W109	17838	485468	SH	Sole
NOVELIS INC	COM	67000X106	11612	542857	SH	Sole

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ORBITAL SCIENCES CORP	COM	685564106	181	14500	SH	Defined 1
PETRO-CDA	COM	71644E102	127612	3047934	SH	Sole
PFIZER INC	COM	717081103	362	14495	SH	Defined
PFIZER INC	COM	717081103	24346	975000	SH	Sole
PHARMACEUTICAL HLDRS TR	DEPOSITRY RCPT	71712A206	7032	100000	SH	Sole
PITNEY BOWES INC	COM	724479100	8373	200600	SH	Sole
PLACER DOME INC	COM	725906101	25256	1475936	SH	Sole
POTASH CORP SASK INC	COM	73755L107	34667	371978	SH	Sole
PRECISION DRILLING CORP	COM	74022D100	10740	218224	SH	Sole
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	COM	742718109	862	14495	SH	Defined
PROGRESS ENERGY INC	COM	743263105	9353	209000	SH	Sole
QUEBECOR WORLD INC	COM NON-VTG	748203106	24587	1311219	SH	Sole
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTL IN	COM	749121109	820	200000	SH	Sole
RESEARCH IN MOTION LTD	COM	760975102	18984	276106	SH	Sole
ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC	CL B	775109200	8978	227720	SH	Sole
ROYAL BK CDA MONTREAL QUE	COM	780087102	2160195	29657086	SH	Sole
SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC	COM	78387G103	348	14495	SH	Defined
SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC	COM	78387G103	2996	125000	SH	Sole
SCHERING PLOUGH CORP	COM	806605101	16844	800200	SH	Sole
SHAW COMMUNICATIONS INC	CL B CONV	82028K200	6259	299485	SH	Sole
SPDR TR	UNIT SER 1	78462F103	993	8070	SH	Sole
SUN LIFE FINL INC	COM	866796105	491609	13094928	SH	Sole
SUNCOR ENERGY INC	COM	867229106	130701	2157651	SH	Sole
TALISMAN ENERGY INC	COM	87425E103	383608	7841429	SH	Sole
TELESYSTEM INTL WIRELESS INC	COM NEW	879946606	3293	3828301	SH	Sole
TELUS CORP	NON-VTG SHS	87971M202	83266	2044634	SH	Sole
THOMSON CORP	COM	884903105	317915	8517041	SH	Sole
TIDEWATER INC	COM	886423102	3996	82100	SH	Sole
TORONTO DOMINION BK ONT	COM NEW	891160509	1484482	30111787	SH	Sole
TRANSALTA CORP	COM	89346D107	50509	2550000	SH	Defined 1
TRANSALTA CORP	COM	89346D107	94348	4763261	SH	Sole
TRANSCANADA CORP	COM	89353D107	609651	19967350	SH	Sole
TRANSCANADA CORP	COM	89353D107	43509	1425000	SH	Defined 1
UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORP	COM	913017109	726	13990	SH	Defined
UST INC	COM	902911106	8372	200000	SH	Sole
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	COM	92343V104	474	14495	SH	Defined
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	COM	92343V104	10624	325000	SH	Sole
WACHOVIA CORP 2ND NEW	COM	929903102	1190	25000	SH	Sole
WAL MART STORES INC	COM	931142103	642	14645	SH	Defined
WASHINGTON MUT INC	COM	939322103	3922	100000	SH	Sole
WEIGHT WATCHERS INTL INC NEW	COM	948626106	2579	50000	SH	Sole
WEIGHT WATCHERS INTL INC NEW	COM	948626106	16482	319534	SH	Defined 1