

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA /  
Form 6-K  
March 05, 2013

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, DC 20549**

**Form 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of**

**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of: March, 2013 Commission File Number: 002-09048

**THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA**

(Name of registrant)

**44 King Street West, Scotia Plaza, 8th floor,**

**Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1H1**

**Attention: Secretary's Department (Tel.: (416) 866-3672)**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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This report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in The Bank of Nova Scotia's registration statements on Form S-8 (File No. 333-177640) and Form F-9 (File No. 333-179383) and to be a part thereof from the date on which this report is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Date: March 5, 2013 By: /s/ Roberta Hague

Name: Roberta Hague

Title: Senior Vice President

Public, Corporate and Government Affairs

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

99.1 News Release Dated March 5, 2013 - Scotiabank reports strong first quarter earnings of \$1.6 billion and increases dividend