

CENTRAL FUND OF CANADA LTD  
Form 6-K  
August 16, 2006

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

**Form 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For August 15, 2006

**CENTRAL FUND OF CANADA LIMITED**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Suite 805, 1323 15th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T3C 0X8**  
(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F

Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information in this Form is also hereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the *Securities Exchange Act of 1934*.

Yes

No

[If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): N/A]

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SIGNATURES

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

CENTRAL FUND OF CANADA LIMITED  
(Registrant)

Date August 14, 2006

By: */s/ J.C. STEFAN SPICER*

\*Print the name and title under the signature of the signing officer

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(Signature)\*  
J.C. Stefan Spicer, President & CEO

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**CENTRAL FUND OF CANADA LIMITED**

**Exhibit to Form 6-K for Prospectus Filing Press Release 2006**

Exhibit 99.1: Press Release Announcing Short Form Shelf Base Prospectus Filing completed August 14, 2006.

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