

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)

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Yes

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**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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