

FAIRFAX FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LTD/ CAN

Form 6-K

August 23, 2004

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**FORM 6-K**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of August 2004

Commission File Number: 033-71976

**FAIRFAX FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

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*(Translation of registrant's name into English)*

**95 Wellington Street West  
Suite 800  
Toronto, Ontario  
Canada M5JH 2N7**

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*(Address of principal executive offices)*

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

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Yes  No

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**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.

By: /s/ Paul Rivett  
Name: Paul Rivett  
Title: Vice President

Dated: August 23, 2004

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**Exhibit Index**

| <b>Exhibit</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
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| Ex-99.1        | News Release dated August 23, 2004 titled Fairfax Announces Estimate of Losses from Hurricane Charley |