

MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 6-K  
March 26, 2009

**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 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE**  
**ACT OF 1934**

For the month of March, 2009

Commission File Number 1-14942

**MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**200 Bloor Street East,**

**North Tower 10**

**Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4W 1E5**

**(416) 926-3000**

(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.

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Yes  No

If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- \_\_\_\_\_.

**DOCUMENTS FILED AS PART OF THIS FORM 6-K**

The following documents, filed as exhibits to this Form 6-K, are incorporated by reference as part of this Form 6-K:

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99.1	2008 Annual Report
99.2	Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders
99.3	Proxy Circular
99.4	Shareholder Proxy Form

**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.

MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Angela K. Shaffer

Name: Angela K. Shaffer

Title: Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: March 26, 2009

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