

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

13. ALLOWANCES FOR RECEIVABLES

The allowance for receivables recorded on the consolidated balance sheet is maintained at a level which is considered adequate to absorb credit related losses on credit card receivables and losses on other receivables. The receivables for PC Bank credit card, Loblaw associated stores and independent accounts and Weston Foods customers are presented net of allowances on the consolidated balance sheet. A continuity of the Company's allowances for receivables is as follows:

| Credit Card Receivables | 2008 | 2007 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Allowances at beginning of year | \$ (13) | \$ (11) |
| Provision for losses | (35) | (11) |
| Recoveries | (14) | (7) |
| Write-offs | 47 | 16 |
| Allowances at end of year | \$ (15) | \$ (13) |

| Other Receivables | 2008 | 2007 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Allowances at beginning of year | \$ (44) | \$ (44) |
| Provision for losses | (84) | (82) |
| Write-offs | 96 | 82 |
| Allowances at end of year | \$ (32) | \$ (44) |