
Empire Company Limited
Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements
November 3, 2012

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Empire Company Limited
Consolidated Balance Sheets

As At Unaudited (in millions of Canadian dollars)	November 3 2012	May 5 2012	November 5 2011
ASSETS			
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 389.9	\$ 510.2	\$ 500.3
Receivables	345.2	362.0	350.5
Inventories (Note 4)	888.0	825.3	874.5
Prepaid expenses	85.1	77.6	76.6
Loans and other receivables	34.3	41.0	45.9
Income taxes receivable	42.0	46.8	37.8
Assets held for sale	50.7	28.2	77.2
	<u>1,835.2</u>	<u>1,891.1</u>	<u>1,962.8</u>
Loans and other receivables	56.2	60.6	71.9
Investments	31.4	13.0	13.6
Investments, at equity (Note 5)	325.6	313.4	261.6
Other assets	45.5	68.5	61.1
Property and equipment	2,699.8	2,679.2	2,422.2
Investment property	86.2	86.9	76.3
Intangibles	465.0	461.8	445.7
Goodwill	1,307.7	1,302.1	1,233.3
Deferred tax assets	44.5	36.5	31.7
	<u>\$ 6,897.1</u>	<u>\$ 6,913.1</u>	<u>\$ 6,580.2</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Bank indebtedness	\$ 34.3	\$ 4.4	\$ 6.0
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,694.7	1,729.8	1,612.5
Income taxes payable	31.8	16.7	15.2
Provisions (Note 6)	37.9	30.1	27.5
Long-term debt due within one year (Note 7)	46.5	237.3	238.2
	<u>1,845.2</u>	<u>2,018.3</u>	<u>1,899.4</u>
Provisions (Note 6)	52.7	59.7	37.0
Long-term debt (Note 7)	893.3	889.1	860.2
Other long-term liabilities	184.8	178.5	175.2
Employee future benefits obligation (Note 15)	150.8	143.3	134.1
Derivative financial liabilities	0.7	2.8	6.2
Deferred tax liabilities	181.4	190.0	164.3
	<u>3,308.9</u>	<u>3,481.7</u>	<u>3,276.4</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Capital stock	319.3	319.3	323.4
Contributed surplus	6.4	6.1	5.2
Retained earnings	3,239.3	3,081.7	2,950.0
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(10.9)	(10.8)	(11.3)
	<u>3,554.1</u>	<u>3,396.3</u>	<u>3,267.3</u>
Minority interest	34.1	35.1	36.5
	<u>3,588.2</u>	<u>3,431.4</u>	<u>3,303.8</u>
	<u>\$ 6,897.1</u>	<u>\$ 6,913.1</u>	<u>\$ 6,580.2</u>

See accompanying notes to the unaudited, interim consolidated financial statements.

On Behalf of the Board

(signed) "Rob Dexter"
 Director

(signed) "Paul Sobey"
 Director

Empire Company Limited Consolidated Statements of Earnings Unaudited (in millions of Canadian dollars, except per share amounts)	<i>13 Weeks Ended</i>		<i>26 Weeks Ended</i>	
	November 3 2012	November 5 2011	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Sales	\$ 4,404.1	\$ 4,036.3	\$ 8,961.8	\$ 8,190.5
Other income (Note 8)	14.5	9.5	28.3	15.9
Share of earnings from investments, at equity	9.0	7.7	19.3	19.4
Operating expenses				
Cost of sales	3,358.4	3,044.1	6,833.1	6,171.6
Selling and administrative expenses	928.3	883.6	1,860.3	1,779.5
Operating income	140.9	125.8	316.0	274.7
Finance costs, net (Note 9)	12.1	15.0	27.0	31.6
Earnings before income taxes	128.8	110.8	289.0	243.1
Income taxes	33.7	30.1	77.6	65.8
Net earnings	\$ 95.1	\$ 80.7	\$ 211.4	\$ 177.3
Earnings for the period attributable to:				
Minority interest	\$ 1.8	\$ 2.6	\$ 9.2	\$ 10.0
Owners of the parent	93.3	78.1	202.2	167.3
	\$ 95.1	\$ 80.7	\$ 211.4	\$ 177.3
Earnings per share (Note 10)				
Basic	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.15	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.46
Diluted	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.15	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.46
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding, in millions (Note 10)				
Basic	67.9	67.9	67.9	67.9
Diluted	68.1	68.0	68.1	68.0

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Empire Company Limited Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income Unaudited (in millions of Canadian dollars)	<i>13 Weeks Ended</i>		<i>26 Weeks Ended</i>	
	November 3 2012	November 5 2011	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Net earnings	\$ 95.1	\$ 80.7	\$ 211.4	\$ 177.3
Other comprehensive income				
Unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges (net of income taxes of \$(0.1) and \$(0.1) for the 13 and 26 weeks to date (November 5, 2011 - \$(0.1) and \$0.1))	0.3	0.3	0.1	(0.1)
Reclassification of losses on derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges to earnings (net of income taxes of \$nil and \$(0.5) for the 13 and 26 weeks to date (November 5, 2011 - \$(0.5) and \$(1.1)))	-	1.1	1.1	2.4
Unrealized (losses) gains on available for sale financial assets (net of income taxes of \$nil and \$(0.2) for the 13 and 26 weeks to date (November 5, 2011 - \$(0.3) and \$(0.2)))	(0.1)	1.1	1.2	0.8
Reclassification of (gains) losses on available for sale financial assets to earnings (net of income taxes of \$0.6 and \$0.6 for the 13 and 26 weeks to date (November 5, 2011 - \$nil and \$nil))	(3.0)	0.1	(3.0)	0.1
Actuarial gains (losses) on defined benefit plans (net of income taxes of \$(0.8) and \$4.1 for the 13 and 26 weeks to date (November 5, 2011 - \$6.2 and \$13.4))	2.3	(18.0)	(12.0)	(38.8)
Share of other comprehensive income of investments, at equity (net of income taxes of \$(0.2) and \$(0.4) for the 13 and 26 weeks to date (November 5, 2011 - \$(0.2) and \$(0.3)))	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.7
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(1.2)	3.0	(0.4)	2.9
Total comprehensive income	<u>\$ 94.0</u>	<u>\$ 68.7</u>	<u>\$ 199.3</u>	<u>\$ 145.3</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:				
Minority interest	\$ 1.8	\$ 2.6	\$ 9.2	\$ 10.0
Owners of the parent	<u>92.2</u>	<u>66.1</u>	<u>190.1</u>	<u>135.3</u>
	<u>\$ 94.0</u>	<u>\$ 68.7</u>	<u>\$ 199.3</u>	<u>\$ 145.3</u>

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Empire Company Limited	Accumulated						
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity	Capital	Contributed	Other	Retained	Total	Minority	Total
Unaudited (in millions of Canadian dollars)	Stock	Surplus	Comprehensive	Earnings	Attributable	Interest	Equity
			Loss		to Parent		
Balance at May 7, 2011	\$ 323.4	\$ 4.7	\$ (18.1)	\$ 2,852.1	\$ 3,162.1	\$ 35.8	\$ 3,197.9
Dividends	-	-	-	(30.6)	(30.6)	-	(30.6)
Employee share options	-	0.5	-	-	0.5	-	0.5
Capital transactions with special purpose entities	-	-	-	-	-	(9.3)	(9.3)
Transactions with owners	-	0.5	-	(30.6)	(30.1)	(9.3)	(39.4)
Net earnings	-	-	-	167.3	167.3	10.0	177.3
Other comprehensive income							
Unrealized losses on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	-	-	(0.1)	-	(0.1)	-	(0.1)
Reclassification of losses on derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges to earnings	-	-	2.4	-	2.4	-	2.4
Unrealized gains on available for sale financial assets	-	-	0.8	-	0.8	-	0.8
Reclassification of losses on available for sale financial assets to earnings	-	-	0.1	-	0.1	-	0.1
Actuarial losses on defined benefit plans	-	-	-	(38.8)	(38.8)	-	(38.8)
Share of other comprehensive income of investments, at equity	-	-	0.7	-	0.7	-	0.7
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-	2.9	-	2.9	-	2.9
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	6.8	128.5	135.3	10.0	145.3
Balance at November 5, 2011	\$ 323.4	\$ 5.2	\$ (11.3)	\$ 2,950.0	\$ 3,267.3	\$ 36.5	\$ 3,303.8
Balance at May 5, 2012	\$ 319.3	\$ 6.1	\$ (10.8)	\$ 3,081.7	\$ 3,396.3	\$ 35.1	\$ 3,431.4
Dividends	-	-	-	(32.6)	(32.6)	-	(32.6)
Employee share options	-	0.3	-	-	0.3	-	0.3
Capital transactions with special purpose entities	-	-	-	-	-	(10.2)	(10.2)
Transactions with owners	-	0.3	-	(32.6)	(32.3)	(10.2)	(42.5)
Net earnings	-	-	-	202.2	202.2	9.2	211.4
Other comprehensive income							
Unrealized gains on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	-	-	0.1	-	0.1	-	0.1
Reclassification of losses on derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges to earnings	-	-	1.1	-	1.1	-	1.1
Unrealized gains on available for sale financial assets	-	-	1.2	-	1.2	-	1.2
Reclassification of gains on available for sale financial assets to earnings	-	-	(3.0)	-	(3.0)	-	(3.0)
Actuarial losses on defined benefit plans	-	-	-	(12.0)	(12.0)	-	(12.0)
Share of other comprehensive income of investments, at equity	-	-	0.9	-	0.9	-	0.9
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-	(0.4)	-	(0.4)	-	(0.4)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	(0.1)	190.2	190.1	9.2	199.3
Balance at November 3, 2012	\$ 319.3	\$ 6.4	\$ (10.9)	\$ 3,239.3	\$ 3,554.1	\$ 34.1	\$ 3,588.2

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Empire Company Limited Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Unaudited (in millions of Canadian dollars)	<i>13 Weeks Ended</i>		<i>26 Weeks Ended</i>	
	November 3 2012	November 5 2011	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Operations				
Net earnings	\$ 95.1	\$ 80.7	\$ 211.4	\$ 177.3
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation	78.4	75.1	157.7	151.2
Income taxes	33.7	30.1	77.6	65.8
Finance costs, net (Note 9)	12.1	15.0	27.0	31.6
Amortization of intangibles	10.3	9.4	20.1	18.6
Gain on disposal of assets (Note 8)	(10.4)	(9.0)	(23.9)	(15.1)
Impairment of non-financial assets	(0.2)	0.4	3.0	0.7
Amortization of deferred items	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6
Equity in earnings of other entities, net of dividends received	13.1	(0.9)	20.9	2.3
Employee future benefits obligation	0.9	0.7	1.7	1.5
Increase in long-term lease obligation	2.4	0.6	0.3	1.0
(Decrease) increase in long-term provisions	(10.3)	(4.2)	(7.1)	2.7
Stock-based compensation	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5
	<u>225.4</u>	<u>198.4</u>	<u>489.4</u>	<u>438.7</u>
Net change in non-cash working capital	(63.4)	(96.1)	(77.3)	(76.5)
Income taxes paid, net	<u>(22.6)</u>	<u>(31.1)</u>	<u>(72.3)</u>	<u>(93.7)</u>
Cash flows from operating activities	<u>139.4</u>	<u>71.2</u>	<u>339.8</u>	<u>268.5</u>
Investment				
Net increase in investments	(14.9)	(30.5)	(43.4)	(32.2)
Property, equipment and investment property purchases	(129.2)	(164.2)	(253.8)	(272.9)
Proceeds on disposal of property, equipment and investment property	62.5	29.3	72.5	82.4
Additions to intangibles	(15.6)	(10.8)	(23.3)	(14.8)
Loans and other receivables	7.5	21.3	11.1	6.3
Other assets and other long-term liabilities	(3.7)	(4.0)	18.0	(11.3)
Business acquisitions (Note 12)	(11.1)	(13.5)	(11.8)	(19.9)
Interest received	1.1	0.9	1.8	2.3
Minority interest	(2.9)	(1.8)	(10.2)	(9.3)
Cash flows used in investing activities	<u>(106.3)</u>	<u>(173.3)</u>	<u>(239.1)</u>	<u>(269.4)</u>
Financing				
Increase in bank indebtedness	29.3	1.0	29.9	6.0
Issue of long-term debt	15.1	28.6	58.2	43.6
Repayment of long-term debt	(22.5)	(27.4)	(246.5)	(100.0)
Interest paid	(17.7)	(22.2)	(30.0)	(33.7)
Dividends paid, common shares	(16.3)	(15.3)	(32.6)	(30.6)
Cash flows used in financing activities	<u>(12.1)</u>	<u>(35.3)</u>	<u>(221.0)</u>	<u>(114.7)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	21.0	(137.4)	(120.3)	(115.6)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	<u>368.9</u>	<u>637.7</u>	<u>510.2</u>	<u>615.9</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 389.9</u>	<u>\$ 500.3</u>	<u>\$ 389.9</u>	<u>\$ 500.3</u>

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Notes to the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements
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1. Reporting entity

Empire Company Limited ("Empire" or the "Company") is a diversified Canadian company whose key businesses include food retailing and corporate investment activities. The Company is incorporated in Canada and the address of its registered office of business is 115 King Street, Stellarton, Nova Scotia, B0K 1S0, Canada. The unaudited, interim consolidated financial statements for the period ended November 3, 2012 include the accounts of Empire, all subsidiary companies, including 100 percent owned Sobeys Inc. ("Sobeys"), and certain enterprises considered special purpose entities ("SPEs"), where control is achieved on a basis other than through ownership of a majority of voting rights. Investments in which the Company has significant influence and investments in significant joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method. The Company's fiscal year ends on the first Saturday in May. As a result, the fiscal year is usually 52 weeks but results in a duration of 53 weeks every five to six years.

2. Basis of preparation

Statement of compliance

The unaudited, interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 34, "Interim Financial Reporting" as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). Accordingly, certain information and note disclosures normally included in annual consolidated financial statements have been omitted or condensed. The unaudited, interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended May 5, 2012.

The unaudited, interim consolidated financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on December 13, 2012.

Basis of measurement

The unaudited, interim consolidated financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis, except the following assets and liabilities which are stated at their fair value: derivative financial instruments, financial instruments classified as fair value through profit and loss, customer loyalty and financial instruments classified as available for sale.

Use of estimates and judgments

The preparation of consolidated financial statements, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

The Company has applied judgment in its assessment of the appropriateness of consolidation of SPEs, the classification of leases and financial instruments, the level of componentization of property and equipment, the determination of cash generating units, the identification of indicators of impairment for property and equipment, investment property and intangible assets, the allocation of purchase price adjustments on business combinations, and the recognition of provisions.

Significant estimates include the valuation of inventories, goodwill, valuation of asset-backed commercial paper, provisions, impairments, employee future benefits, stock-based compensation, loyalty programs, useful lives of property and equipment, investment property and intangibles for purposes of depreciation and amortization and income taxes. Changes to these estimates could materially impact the financial statements. These estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions that the Company may undertake in the future. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies

With the exception of the following amendments, these unaudited, interim consolidated financial statements were prepared using the same accounting policies as disclosed in the Company's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended May 5, 2012.

(a) Accounting standards and policies adopted during fiscal 2013

(i) Financial instruments: disclosures

In October 2010, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 7, "Financial Instruments: Disclosures", which require increased disclosure for transactions involving the transfer of financial assets. The amendments became effective in the Company's first quarter of fiscal 2013. No new disclosures were required for these interim consolidated financial statements as a result of implementing these amendments.

(ii) Deferred tax: recovery of underlying assets

In December 2010, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 12, "Income Taxes", which introduce an exception to the general measurement requirements of IAS 12 in respect of investment properties measured at fair value. The amendments became effective in the Company's first quarter of fiscal 2013. These amendments did not impact the Company as its investment properties are not measured at fair value.

(b) Future accounting policies

(i) Financial instruments

In November 2009, the IASB issued IFRS 9, "Financial Instruments", which will ultimately replace IAS 39, "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement". The replacement is a multi-phase project with the objective of improving and simplifying the reporting for financial instruments. The issuance of IFRS 9 is the first phase of the project, which provides guidance on the classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities. IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

(ii) Consolidated financial statements

In May 2011, the IASB issued IFRS 10, "Consolidated Financial Statements", which establishes principles for the presentation and preparation of consolidated financial statements when an entity controls one or more other entities. The objective of IFRS 10 is to define principles of control and establish the basis of determining when and how an entity should be included within a set of consolidated financial statements. It replaces portions of IAS 27, "Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements", and supersedes Standing Interpretations Committee ("SIC") 12, "Consolidation - Special Purpose Entities", completely and is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

(iii) Joint arrangements

In May 2011, the IASB issued IFRS 11, "Joint Arrangements", which establishes principles for financial reporting by entities that have an interest in a joint arrangement. IFRS 11 supersedes IAS 31, "Interest in Joint Ventures", and SIC 13, "Jointly Controlled Entities - Non Monetary Contributions by Venturers". Through an assessment of the rights and obligations in an arrangement, the IFRS establishes principles to determine the type of joint arrangement and guidance for financial reporting activities required by the entities that have an interest in arrangements that are jointly controlled and is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

(iv) Disclosure of interests in other entities

In May 2011, the IASB issued IFRS 12, "Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities", which outlines disclosure requirements for an entity that has interests in a subsidiary, a joint arrangement, an associate and an unconsolidated structured entity. IFRS 12 requires an entity to disclose information that enables users of its financial statements to evaluate the nature of, and risks associated with, its interest in other entities and the effects of those interests on its financial position, financial performance and cash flows. It is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

(v) Fair value measurement

In May 2011, the IASB issued IFRS 13, "Fair Value Measurement", which defines fair value, sets out in a single IFRS a framework for measuring fair value and identifies required disclosures about fair value measurements. This IFRS is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

(vi) Employee benefits

In June 2011, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 19, "Employee Benefits", which eliminate the option to defer the recognition of actuarial gains and losses, streamline the presentation of changes in assets and liabilities arising from defined benefit plans to be presented in other comprehensive income and enhance disclosure requirements around the characteristics of the defined benefit plans and risks associated with participation in those plans. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

The Company is currently evaluating the impact of these new standards and amendments on its consolidated financial statements.

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4. Inventories

The cost of inventories recognized as an expense during the 13 and 26 weeks ended November 3, 2012 was \$3,341.3 and \$6,800.6 respectively (November 5, 2011 - \$3,027.3 and \$6,139.4). The Company has recorded \$8.7 (November 5, 2011 - \$15.0) as an expense for the write-down of inventories below cost to net realizable value for inventories on hand as at November 3, 2012. There were no reversals of inventories written down previously (November 5, 2011 - \$nil).

5. Investments, at equity

The carrying values of the investments, at equity are as follows:

	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Investment in associates		
Crombie Real Estate Investment Trust ("Crombie REIT")	\$ 183.7	\$ 124.4
Investment in joint ventures		
Canadian real estate partnerships	88.8	90.8
U.S. real estate partnerships	45.3	39.4
Canadian Digital Cinema Partnership (Note 12)	7.8	7.0
Total	\$ 325.6	\$ 261.6

The fair values of the investments based on a stock exchange are as follows:

	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Crombie REIT	\$ 570.5	\$ 443.7
Total	\$ 570.5	\$ 443.7

The Canadian and U.S. real estate partnerships and Canadian Digital Cinema Partnership are not publicly listed on a stock exchange and hence published price quotes are not available.

6. Provisions

The provisions carrying amounts are comprised of the following:

November 3, 2012 (26 Weeks Ended)	Lease Contracts	Legal	Environmental	Other	Total
Opening balance	\$ 32.3	\$ 6.9	\$ 30.9	\$ 19.7	\$ 89.8
Assumed in business combination	-	-	0.1	-	0.1
Provisions made	1.1	2.7	1.9	8.4	14.1
Provisions used	(6.3)	(2.7)	-	(4.7)	(13.7)
Provisions reversed	(0.5)	(0.6)	-	(0.3)	(1.4)
Change due to discounting	1.1	-	0.5	0.1	1.7
Closing balance	\$ 27.7	\$ 6.3	\$ 33.4	\$ 23.2	\$ 90.6
Current	\$ 8.7	\$ 6.3	\$ 2.5	\$ 20.4	\$ 37.9
Non-current	19.0	-	30.9	2.8	52.7
Total	\$ 27.7	\$ 6.3	\$ 33.4	\$ 23.2	\$ 90.6

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November 5, 2011 (26 Weeks Ended)	Lease				Total
	Contracts	Legal	Environmental	Other	
Opening balance	\$ 32.9	\$ 7.1	\$ 5.4	\$ 18.8	\$ 64.2
Provisions made	7.1	1.7	2.1	4.7	15.6
Provisions used	(6.9)	(1.6)	(0.2)	(5.6)	(14.3)
Provisions reversed	(0.9)	(0.3)	-	(0.1)	(1.3)
Change due to discounting	0.2	-	-	0.1	0.3
Closing balance	\$ 32.4	\$ 6.9	\$ 7.3	\$ 17.9	\$ 64.5
Current	\$ 10.1	\$ 6.9	\$ 1.2	\$ 9.3	\$ 27.5
Non-current	22.3	-	6.1	8.6	37.0
Total	\$ 32.4	\$ 6.9	\$ 7.3	\$ 17.9	\$ 64.5

Lease contracts

Lease contract provisions are recorded when the expected benefits to be derived by the Company from a contract are lower than the unavoidable costs of meeting the obligations under the contract. The Company records onerous contract provisions for closed store and theatre locations where it has entered into a lease contract. The provision is measured at the lower of the expected cost to terminate the lease and the expected net cost of continuing the contract. The net cost is derived by considering both the lease payment and sublease income received. Once the store or theatre is closed, a liability is recorded to reflect the present value of the expected liability associated with any lease contract and other contractually obligated costs. Discounting of provisions resulting from lease contracts has been calculated using pre-tax discount rates ranging between 7 and 9 percent.

Legal costs

Legal provisions relate to claims of \$6.3 that are outstanding as at November 3, 2012 (November 5, 2011 - \$6.9) that arose in the ordinary course of business.

Environmental costs

In accordance with legal and environmental policy requirements the Company has recorded provisions for locations requiring environmental restoration. These provisions primarily relate to decommissioning liabilities recorded for gas station locations owned by the Company at the net present value of the estimated future remediation costs. Discounting of environmental related provisions has been calculated using pre-tax discount rates ranging between 4 and 15 percent.

Other costs

The Company continues to complete the rationalization of administration functions and continues to incur costs associated with the development of a new distribution centre in Terrebonne, Québec. These provisions relate mainly to severance costs.

The Company has obligations to provide various forms of support to Crombie REIT pursuant to various agreements between the parties. These amounts are included in other provisions.

7. Long-term debt

On August 22, 2011, the Company extended the term of its credit facilities to a maturity date of June 30, 2014. On September 26, 2012, the Company further extended the term of its credit facilities to a maturity date of June 30, 2015.

On February 14, 2012, Sobeys entered into an amended and restated credit agreement. The agreement provides for an unsecured revolving term credit facility of \$450.0, and a \$200.0 unsecured non-revolving term credit facility resulting in total authorized credit facilities of \$650.0. The revolving term credit facility matures on February 14, 2016, and the non-revolving term credit facility matured and was repaid on July 23, 2012. Interest payable on the revolving term credit facility fluctuates with changes in the bankers' acceptance rate, Canadian prime rate or London InterBank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"). As of November 3, 2012, Sobeys had issued \$80.6 in letters of credit against the revolving term credit facility (May 5, 2012 - \$52.7).

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8. Other income

	13 Weeks Ended		26 Weeks Ended	
	November 3 2012	November 5 2011	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Gain on disposal of assets	\$ 10.4	\$ 1.7	\$ 11.8	\$ 5.1
Dilution gains	-	7.3	12.1	10.0
Investment income	4.1	0.5	4.4	0.8
Total	\$ 14.5	\$ 9.5	\$ 28.3	\$ 15.9

9. Finance costs, net

Finance income and finance costs are reported on a net basis in the consolidated statements of earnings.

	13 Weeks Ended		26 Weeks Ended	
	November 3 2012	November 5 2011	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Finance income				
Interest income from cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1.1	\$ 0.9	\$ 1.8	\$ 2.3
Fair value gains on cash flow hedges	-	-	0.1	-
Total finance income	1.1	0.9	1.9	2.3
Finance costs				
Interest expense on financial liabilities measured at amortized cost	12.1	13.7	25.4	28.6
Fair value losses (gains) on forward contracts	0.4	(0.3)	0.6	(0.1)
Losses on cash flow hedges reclassified from other comprehensive income	-	1.6	1.6	3.5
Net pension finance costs	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.9
Total finance costs	13.2	15.9	28.9	33.9
Finance costs, net	\$ 12.1	\$ 15.0	\$ 27.0	\$ 31.6

10. Earnings per share

Earnings applicable to common shares are comprised of the following:

	13 Weeks Ended		26 Weeks Ended	
	November 3 2012	November 5 2011	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Earnings attributable to owners of the parent	\$ 93.3	\$ 78.1	\$ 202.2	\$ 167.3

Earnings per share is comprised of the following:

	13 Weeks Ended		26 Weeks Ended	
	November 3 2012	November 5 2011	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.15	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.46
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.15	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.46

The weighted average number of outstanding shares as at November 3, 2012 used for basic earnings per share amounted to 67,948,510 (November 5, 2011 - 67,948,510) shares.

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The weighted average number of shares for the purpose of diluted earnings per share can be reconciled to the weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of basic earnings per share as follows:

	13 Weeks Ended		26 Weeks Ended	
	November 3 2012	November 5 2011	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Weighted average number of shares used in basic earnings per share	67,948,510	67,948,510	67,948,510	67,948,510
Shares deemed to be issued for no consideration in respect of stock-based payments	120,271	95,661	107,538	88,027
Weighted average number of shares used in diluted earnings per share	68,068,781	68,044,171	68,056,048	68,036,537

11. Segmented information

The Board of Directors has determined that the primary segmental reporting format is by business segment, based on the Company's management and internal reporting structure. The Company operates principally in two business segments: food retailing and investments and other operations. The food segment consists of distribution of food products in Canada. Inter-segment transactions are carried out at market prices.

Segment results and assets include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis.

Each of these operating segments is managed separately as each of these segments requires different technologies and other resources as well as marketing approaches. All inter-segment transfers are carried out at arm's length prices. The measurement policies the Company uses for segment reporting under IFRS 8, "Operating Segments", are the same as those used in its consolidated financial statements.

No asymmetrical allocations have been applied between segments.

The sales and operating income generated by each of the group's business segments are summarized as follows:

	13 Weeks Ended		26 Weeks Ended	
	November 3 2012	November 5 2011	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Segmented sales				
Food retailing	\$ 4,345.4	\$ 3,983.8	\$ 8,855.4	\$ 8,089.9
Investments and other operations	61.8	55.3	112.4	106.4
	4,407.2	4,039.1	8,967.8	8,196.3
Elimination of inter-segment	3.1	2.8	6.0	5.8
Total	\$ 4,404.1	\$ 4,036.3	\$ 8,961.8	\$ 8,190.5

	13 Weeks Ended		26 Weeks Ended	
	November 3 2012	November 5 2011	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Segmented operating income				
Food retailing	\$ 127.7	\$ 109.8	\$ 284.0	\$ 245.2
Investments and other operations				
Crombie REIT	4.2	4.8	9.7	9.6
Real estate partnerships	4.6	2.9	9.2	10.4
Other operations, net of corporate expenses	4.4	8.3	13.1	9.5
	13.2	16.0	32.0	29.5
Total	\$ 140.9	\$ 125.8	\$ 316.0	\$ 274.7

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	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Total assets by segment		
Food retailing	\$ 6,238.1	\$ 6,045.9
Investments and other operations	659.0	534.3
	\$ 6,897.1	\$ 6,580.2

Segment operating income can be reconciled to group profit as follows:

	13 Weeks Ended		26 Weeks Ended	
	November 3 2012	November 5 2011	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Total operating income	\$ 140.9	\$ 125.8	\$ 316.0	\$ 274.7
Finance costs, net	12.1	15.0	27.0	31.6
Total	\$ 128.8	\$ 110.8	\$ 289.0	\$ 243.1

The investments and other operations consists of the investments, at equity in Crombie REIT, real estate partnerships, and various other corporate operations.

12. Business acquisitions and formations

The Company acquired franchisee and non-franchisee stores, retail gas locations and theatres. The results of these acquisitions have been included in the consolidated financial results of the Company since their acquisition dates, and were accounted for through the use of the acquisition method. Goodwill recorded on the acquisitions of franchise and non-franchise stores relate to the acquired work force and customer base of the existing store location, along with the synergies expected from combining the efforts of the acquired stores with existing stores.

The following table represents the amounts of identifiable assets from resulting acquisitions for the respective periods:

	13 Weeks Ended		26 Weeks Ended	
	November 3 2012	November 5 2011	November 3 2012	November 5 2011
Stores, retail gas locations and theatres				
Inventories	\$ 0.6	\$ 1.9	\$ 0.8	\$ 3.0
Property and equipment	6.2	1.8	6.7	3.1
Intangibles	-	0.2	-	0.3
Goodwill	5.5	9.4	5.6	13.3
Provisions	-	-	(0.1)	-
Other (liabilities) assets	(1.2)	0.2	(1.2)	0.2
Cash consideration	\$ 11.1	\$ 13.5	\$ 11.8	\$ 19.9

The businesses acquired contributed sales of \$7.7 and \$8.1 and earnings of \$nil and \$nil for the 13 and 26 weeks ended November 3, 2012 respectively.

Shell acquisition

During the second quarter of fiscal 2013, management finalized the purchase price allocation related to the acquisition of 236 retail gas locations and related convenience store operations in Québec and Atlantic Canada from Shell Canada. As a result, the consolidated balance sheet as at November 3, 2012 was adjusted by an increase to land of \$1.7, a decrease to equipment of \$3.4, and goodwill increased \$1.7.

Canadian Digital Cinema Partnership

During the first quarter of fiscal 2012, the Company formed Canadian Digital Cinema Partnership ("CDCP"), a joint venture with Cineplex Inc. ("Cineplex"). The costs of implementing digital projection systems in the venturers' theatres will be funded by CDCP, through a separate credit facility, which is non-recourse to the venturers, and the collection of virtual print fees from distributors.

Empire transferred digital projectors valued at \$7.6 in exchange for a 21.8 percent interest in CDCP. Cineplex and Empire each have 50 percent of the voting rights of CDCP. Empire accounts for its investment in CDCP using the equity method.

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The digital projection systems leased from CDCP will replace most of Empire's remaining 35 millimeter projection systems and allow Empire to add additional 3D screens to the circuit.

13. Related party transactions

The Company has related party transactions with Crombie REIT. The Company holds a 43.0 percent ownership interest and accounts for its investment using the equity method. As a result of the conversion of Crombie REIT debentures during the second quarter of the current fiscal year, the Company's interest in Crombie REIT increased from 42.5 to 43.0 percent.

On October 20, 2011, Crombie REIT closed a bought-deal offering of units at a price of \$12.85 per unit. In satisfaction of its pre-emptive right with respect to the public offering, the Company subscribed for \$30.0 of Class B units (which are convertible on a one-for-one basis into units of Crombie REIT).

During the quarter ended November 5, 2011, fixed rate secured mortgages provided to Crombie REIT in the amount of \$5.6 were repaid in their entirety.

During the 26 weeks ended November 3, 2012, the Company sold three (November 5, 2011 - six) properties to Crombie REIT, three (November 5, 2011 - five) of which were leased back. Cash consideration received for the properties was recorded at the exchange amount of \$50.2 (November 5, 2011 - \$56.6), resulting in a pre-tax gain of \$5.6 (November 5, 2011 - \$4.3), which was recognized in the consolidated statements of earnings. During the quarter ended November 5, 2011, the Company acquired a property from Crombie REIT for \$5.0 which management believes is equal to the fair market value of the property. As the property was leased by the Company from Crombie REIT, an additional \$2.0 was paid for the cancellation of the lease and recognized in the consolidated statements of earnings, with total cash consideration paid of \$7.0. No properties were acquired during the quarter ended November 3, 2012.

On July 3, 2012, the Company purchased \$24.0 of convertible unsecured subordinated debentures (the "Debentures") from Crombie REIT, pursuant to a bought-deal prospectus offering for a total of \$60.0. The Debentures have a maturity date of September 30, 2019. The Debentures have a coupon of 5.00% per annum and each \$1,000 principal amount of Debenture is convertible into approximately 49.7512 units of Crombie REIT, at any time, at the option of the holder, based on a conversion price of \$20.10 per unit.

On September 25, 2012, the Company converted convertible unsecured subordinated debentures with a face value of \$10.0 into 909,090 units of Crombie REIT. The units were recorded at the exchange amount of \$13.8, resulting in a pre-tax gain of \$3.8.

During the quarter ended November 3, 2012, the Company acquired a parcel of land from a joint venture in which the Company holds a 40.7 percent interest. Cash consideration paid for the land was \$7.6. The gain realized of \$1.6 was eliminated from property and equipment.

14. Contingent liabilities

There are various claims and litigation, which the Company is involved with, arising out of the ordinary course of business operations. The Company's management does not consider the exposure to such litigation to be material, although this cannot be predicted with certainty.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is subject to ongoing audits by tax authorities. While the Company believes that its tax filing positions are appropriate and supportable, from time to time certain matters are reviewed and challenged by the tax authorities.

15. Employee future benefits

During the second quarter of fiscal 2013, the net employee future benefits expense reported in net earnings was \$8.3 (November 5, 2011 - \$7.9). For the 26 weeks ended November 3, 2012 it was \$16.5 (November 5, 2011 - \$16.2). Actuarial gains (losses) before taxes on defined benefit pension plans for the 13 and 26 weeks ended November 3, 2012 were \$3.1 and \$(16.1) respectively (November 5, 2011 - \$(24.3) and \$(52.2)). These gains (losses) have been recognized in other comprehensive income.

16. Stock-based compensation

Deferred stock units

Members of the Board of Directors may elect to receive all or any portion of their fees in deferred stock units ("DSUs") in lieu of cash. The number of DSUs received is determined by the market value of the Company's Non-Voting Class A shares on each directors' fee payment date. Additional DSUs are received as dividend equivalents. DSUs cannot be redeemed for cash until the holder is no longer a director of the Company. The redemption value of a DSU equals the market value of an Empire Non-Voting Class A share at the time of redemption. On an ongoing basis, the Company values the DSU obligation at the current market value of a corresponding number of Non-Voting Class A shares and records any increase or decrease in the DSU obligation as selling and administrative expenses on the consolidated statements of earnings. At November 3, 2012 there were 130,271 (November 5, 2011 - 112,285) DSUs outstanding. During the 13 and 26 weeks ended November 3, 2012, the compensation expense was \$0.6 and \$0.7 respectively (November 5, 2011 - \$0.6 and \$1.2).

Stock option plan

During the first quarter, the Company granted an additional 45,310 options under the stock option plan for employees of the Company whereby options are granted to purchase Non-Voting Class A shares. These options allow holders to purchase Non-Voting Class A shares at \$53.93 per share and expire in June 2020. The options vest over four years. These options have been treated as stock-based compensation.

The compensation cost relating to the 13 and 26 weeks ended November 3, 2012 was \$0.1 and \$0.3 respectively (November 5, 2011 - \$0.2 and \$0.5) with amortization of the cost over the vesting period. The total increase in contributed surplus in relation to the stock option compensation cost was \$0.3 (November 5, 2011 - \$0.5). The compensation cost was calculated using the Black-Scholes model with the following assumptions:

Expected life	5.25 years
Risk-free interest rate	1.40%
Expected volatility	19.4%
Dividend yield	1.78%

17. Subsequent events

On November 7, 2012, the Company sold its petroleum and natural gas properties for \$17.1 before costs. Purchase price approximates the carrying value of these assets, therefore minimal gain or loss is anticipated related to this transaction. The assets have been included in assets held for sale.

On November 26, 2012, Crombie REIT announced a bought-deal public offering of units at a price of \$14.75 per unit. Concurrent with the public offering, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company will subscribe for approximately \$24.5 of Class B units (which are convertible on a one-for-one basis into units of Crombie REIT). Consequently, the Company's interest in Crombie REIT will be reduced from 43.0 percent to 42.9 percent.