

Unemployed yet?

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The first ever 'National Unemployment Clock' stopped in Brandon last Thursday morning.

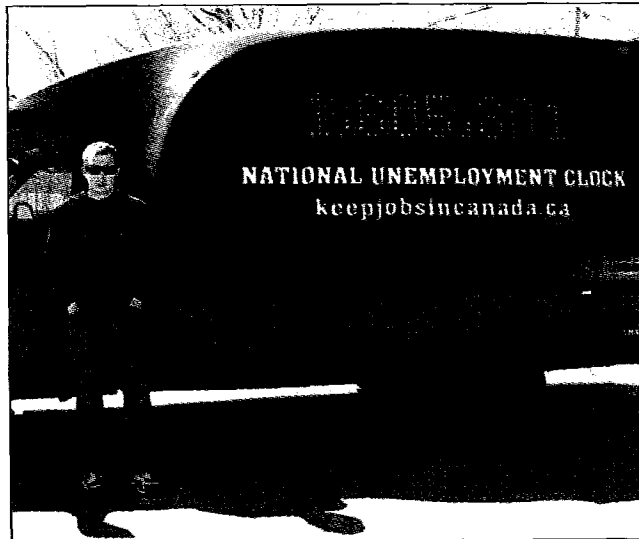
The clock, which is mounted on a truck, is a national campaign put on by the Telecommunications Workers Union. It was developed to help raise awareness across Canada about large corporations continuing to offshore Canadian jobs.

"We started at Parliament Hill and we're driving all the way to Vancouver," said the driver David Rowswell. "Basically it's to generate awareness for keeping jobs in Canada."

Rowswell says the clock represents the current number of unemployed Canadians in Canada, who are employable, but have lost their jobs due to the unemployment crisis.

Rowswell says the truck has stopped in numerous cities and towns and that a 'street team' will ask citizens to sign a petition which will be forwarded to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Minister of Labour Rona Ambrose when the campaign ends.

According to a press release, the campaign's website, www.keepjobsin-canada.ca, features an online petition, ways to



Driver David Rowswell toured the city last Thursday morning and stopped by the Wheat City Journal for a visit.

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get involved as well as contact information for local Members of Parliament. It also includes statistics and facts on unemployment in Canada and the ongoing issue of allowing large corporations to offshore jobs, as well as an interactive "Track the Truck" map following the road show - using GPS technology. The site also includes information on how the clock actually works.

Rowswell says the clock continues to climb by one every 34.9 seconds. The truck stayed until late Thursday and travelled to Regina that evening.

