Newfoundland name change to Newfoundland and Labrador

Official abbreviations

An amendment to the Constitution officially changed the name of *Newfoundland* to *Newfoundland and Labrador* on December 6, 2001. The official abbreviations are:

Newfoundland Nfld.
Newfoundland and Labrador N.L.

Effective June 1, 2003, National Library of Canada records will reflect this change as follows:

Additions to headings

If Newfoundland or Newfoundland and Labrador is used as an addition to a place name, only one heading using the abbreviated form of the current name of the jurisdiction as the addition will be established with a reference from that of the earlier name.

Corner Brook (N.L.) x Corner Brook (Nfld.)

The National Library will correct previously established headings on an as encountered basis.

Publication, distribution, etc., area

If the name of the province appears in the source of information, the abbreviation appropriate to the name that appears will be used. If the name of the province does **not** appear in the source of information, [N.L.] will be supplied, regardless of the imprint date.

AACR rule interpretations will be corrected in the next update.