



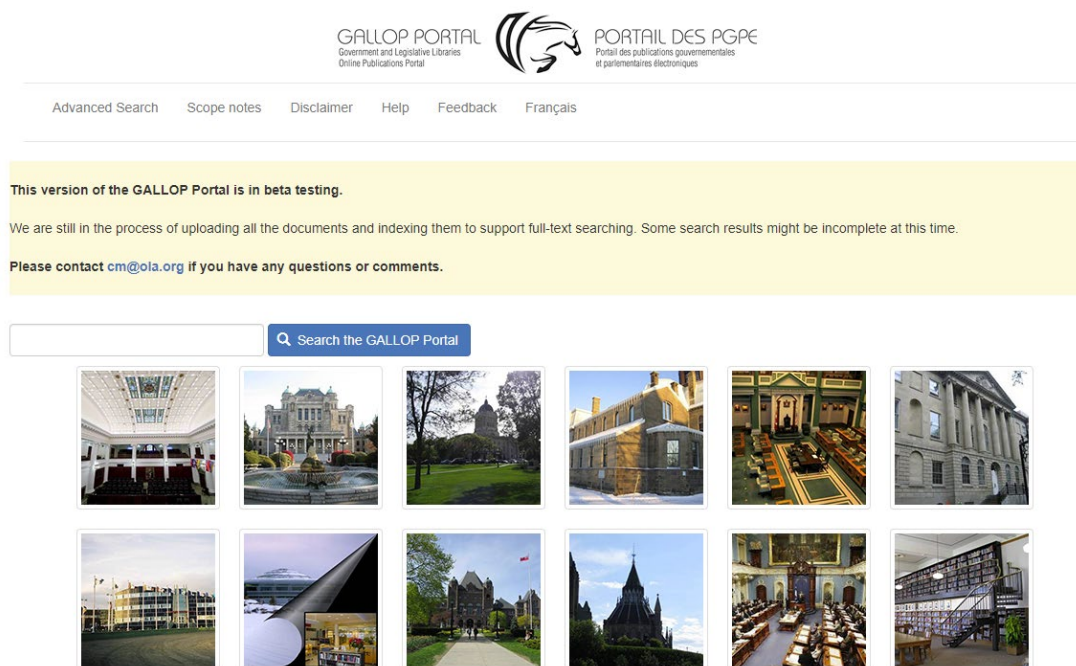
GALLOP PORTAL

Government and Legislative Libraries
Online Publications Portal

An Update and Next Steps

What is GALLOP?

The GALLOP Portal is intended as a one-stop searchable access point for electronic government documents collected by Legislative libraries in Canada for their jurisdictions.



Background

- Association of Parliamentary Libraries in Canada (APLIC) created a committee in mid-2008 to discuss creating a portal to provide direct access to legislative and government documents. + ●
- Ontario committed the hardware requirements and the cleaning, downloading, and merging of records. Other jurisdictions committed to sending their records ○
- Development done collaboratively across parliamentary libraries.
- GALLOP Portal released publicly in 2013.



Original Goals of GALLOP

- Reduce duplication in collection activities.
- Enable easier pan-jurisdictional research.
- Make government publications more widely available.
- Contribute to national collection efforts.



How GALLOP Works

Catalogue records are submitted by Legislative libraries to Ontario

Records are normalized and converted to XML

Full-text data is retrieved and linked to the original record

Metadata and full-text are uploaded to the GALLOP Portal and indexed using Solr

- Catalogue records are submitted by Legislative libraries to Ontario
- Records are normalized
- Full text data is retrieved and added to the original record
- Metadata and full-text files are uploaded to the GALLOP Portal, and indexed using Solr

Scope of Documents in GALLOP



<http://www.bibliotheque.assnat.qc.ca/fr/>

Start Date:	Items Contributed: 63,407
Monographs	Bibliographic Records Only
Serials	Legislative Publications
Full text	Government Publications
Language	Government Press Releases

Notes:

Last Update: November 14, 2023.



<https://nll.bywatersolutions.com/>

Start Date:	Items Contributed: 2,396
Monographs	Bibliographic Records Only
Serials	Legislative Publications
Full text	Government Publications
Language	Government Press Releases

Notes:

Last Update: December 2022.



<https://www.legassembly.sk.ca/library/>

Start Date: 1999	Items Contributed: 35,355
Monographs	Bibliographic Records Only
Serials	Legislative Publications
Full text	Government Publications
Language	Government Press Releases

Notes:

https://casls-sklegis.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=01CASLS_SKLEGIS:01CASLS_SKLEGIS

Last Update: August 31, 2023.



Legacy GALLOP Portal

- OCR issues led to extreme difficulties and delays in uploading records.
- No way to upload records without all components working.
- No easy way to update existing records.
- No way to re-index records.
- The Technical Services office at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario determined that the legacy portal was an unacceptable security risk and shut it down in February 2023.



Current Beta GALLOP Portal

- Launched February 2022 and became the official GALLOP Portal in February 2023.
- Includes full-text and bibliographic content from 10 jurisdictions, including Nunavut.
- A more stable and faster search.
- Bulk editing and updating of metadata is now possible.
- We can get better Google analytics, including what people are searching for and in what language.



Current State of GALLOP



42,403 Alberta



106,141 British Columbia



14,434 Manitoba



3,838 New Brunswick



3,721 Newfoundland and Labrador



6,185 Northwest Territories



8,150 Nova Scotia



90,011 Ontario



63,534 Quebec



35,355 Saskatchewan



2,396 Nunavut

376,168 Records

as of 2023-12-11



Current State of GALLOP

	13,214 Alberta
	106,100 British Columbia
	14,368 Manitoba
	3,097 New Brunswick
	3,566 Newfoundland and Labrador
	5,624 Northwest Territories
	5,369 Nova Scotia
	85,448 Ontario
	46,273 Quebec
	13,107 Saskatchewan
	2,396 Nunavut

298,562 Full-Text Records

as of 2023-12-11



Challenges

- Bottleneck to uploading full-text files – 200 file limit.
- Complications with serial records, firewalls, unmatched IDs.
- Each jurisdiction uses different systems and are updating their repositories.
- Date facet not available for all records (e.g., serials).

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Next Steps

- Continue uploading records into the GALLOP Portal.
- Train other jurisdictions to update their own content.
- Continue to solicit feedback from users to improve the Portal.
- Connect with other groups in similar spaces.



Recap

- The GALLOP Portal is intended to enhance the discovery of government publications across Canada.
- Parliamentary libraries are working collaboratively to make it easier to discover government publications
- There is a commitment to update and improve the GALLOP Portal.

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