**NQonline is designed to be more playful and personal space than the published edition. But we’d still like to keep the text consistent. Here’s a few suggestions for writers:**

**Miscellaneous Style**

No periods after initials (M Ryan) or abbreviations (St John’s, LA, US) or honourifics (Dr)

No space between two initials (TS Eliot)

fall, winter, not Fall, Winter

capelin not caplin

Avoid trendy phrases and clichés: no-brainer, throw someone under the bus, unless you've been living under a rock/in a cave

Active, not passive, voice

Generally speaking, just use "said" as opposed to "opined," "chuckled," etc.

Occasional sentence fragments are ok

**Punctuation**

Use serial comma

For words as words, italicize (You can look up sleveen in the DNE.)

space em dash space

space ellipsis space

**Numbers and dates**

One to ten, 11 + (but 1-10 as numerals if immediate context includes several numerals)

For 20th century dates use all four digits (1960s, not 60s or ‘60s)

$100 (not $100.00 unless the digits after the decimal are other than 0)

per cent

1:00pm, 7:45am

**Notes particular to NQ**

The Newfoundland Regiment became Royal in December 1917

There was no "Battle of Beaumont-Hamel", strictly speaking: there was fighting at Beaumont-Hamel during the Battle of the Somme; when the Newfoundlanders went over the top on July 1, 1916, this was part of what was then called The July Drive

The Newfoundland Constabulary became Royal in 1979

Bowring (not Bowering)

Joseph R Smallwood (not Joey)

Newfoundland was a colony until 1907 (self-governing after 1855), a Dominion 1907-1949, and administered by the British-appointed Commission of Government 1933-1949

The traditional abbreviations for Newfoundland are Nfld (largely pre-Confederation), NF (post-Confederation to the early 1990s), and now NL for Newfoundland and Labrador. More unusual but also correct: T.-N for Terre-Neuve. The name of the province was formally changed to Newfoundland and Labrador in 2001.

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