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# MONTREAL DESCRIPTIVE GUIDE

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MONTREAL is one of the most interesting cities on the continent to the tourist and sightseer. It is the second French city in the world and the centre of French art and literature in the new world. The church plays a large part in the life of the Canadians and their magnificent churches, schools and institutions bespeak the deeply religious nature of the French-Canadian. There is an atmosphere of solidity and conservatism about Montreal. Its buildings and institutions are built to endure. The merchants of Montreal, of English and Scotch descent, are strongly British in their characteristics.

The genius of Montreal has been a genius for adventuring, for pioneering, for transportation. This genius has prevailed for nearly three centuries, making it one of the world's greatest centres in transportation. Montreal was the mother city of the continent. It did more exploring, established more posts, settlements and cities than all other cities of the continent combined. It explored the Great Lakes, discovered the Mis-