MONTREAL

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The city of Montreal is the venue for this year's Olympic Games. Montreal, Canada's largest city, is in the province of Quebec and has a population of 1.2 million. The city is on the north bank of the St. Lawrence River and is the largest seaport in the world that is a considerable distance from the ocean -- 1000 miles from the open sea. All very interesting information -- but not quite what appeals to the logologist. Is there anything of interest to the logologist about Montreal? Indeed, yes. To the word enthusiast, the very name of the city itself is probably the most interesting thing about Montreal.

Consider that there are at least four transposals of MONTREAL, three of which are also geographical names (found in the Times Index-Gazetteer of the World):

- LAMERTON is the name of a town in Devonshire, England
- NORMETAL is the name of a town in the Canadian province of Quebec, the same province Montreal is in
- REALMONT is the name of a town in France
- TERM LOAN is an item appearing in Webster's Third Edition

Consider that any letter may be deleted from MONTREAL and the remaining letters may be rearranged to form some other word, name or term:

- M: LATONER
- O: MANTLER
- N: MOLE RAT, MORTALE, RAT MOLE
- T: ALMONER, MONERAL

Seven of these dozen transdeletions are given in Webster's Third Edition. LATONER (Webster's Second Edition) is a worker in latten, a kind of sheet metal; MANTLER (Oxford English Dictionary) is a term for a poor Irishman of the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries; MORTALE (Oxford English Dictionary) is a 15th and 16th century spelling of 'mortal'; MARLTON (Times Index-Gazetteer of the World) is a town near Camden, New Jersey; and LERMONT (from Albert Hyamson's A Dictionary of Universal Biography) is a surname. Thomas Lermont was a Scots poet who lived from 1219 until 1299, and was also known as Thomas of Ercildoune.

Consider that any two letters (as long as they are not both vowels)
may be deleted from MONTREAL and the remaining six letters may be arranged to form some other word or name:

MO: LEARNT
MN: LEARNT
MT: LOANER
MR: ETALON
ME: LATRON
MA: LENTOR
ML: ORNATE
ON: ARMLET
TR: MELOAN

OT: ALMNER
OR: LAMENT
OL: MARTEN
NT: MORALE
NR: MOLETA
NE: MORTAL
NA: MOLER
NL: AMORET
TL: MONERA

TE: NORMAL
TA: MERLON
TL: MONER
RE: LAMONT
RA: MOLREN
RL: OMENTA
EL: MATRON
AL: MENTOR

All except four of these are in Webster's Third Edition. Webster's Second contains LORATE (strap-shaped) and AMORET (an amorous girl); the OED contains ALMNER (an alternative spelling of 'almoner'); and the Rand McNally Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide (98th edition) lists LAMONT as the names of towns in Arkansas, California, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. If the reader can find any rearrangements of the letters of MONTREAL omitting OE, OA or EA which form real words, please send them to the editor.

Consider that any combination of three consonants and two vowels from MONTREAL can be rearranged to spell a word in Webster's Third:

LEMAN REMAN MALTO AMORT LENTO
LAMER MENAT LORAN LEMON LEROT
METAL MATER TONAL LEMON MORNE
RENAL RETAN TORAL MOREL MONTE
LEANT MONAL MANOR MOTEL METRO
ALTER MORAL NOTAM LONER NOTER

Of these, AMORT is the only word with its letters in alphabetical order.

Consider that any combination of two consonants and two vowels from MONTREAL can be rearranged to spell a word in Webster's Third:

MALE MARE LOAM AMOR MOLE MORE
LANE MATE LOAN MOAT LONE TOME
REAL NEAR ORAL ROAN LONE ONER
LATE NEAT ALTO TANO TOLE NOTE
NAME RATE MOAN ROTA OMEM TORE

Notice that AMOR is the only word here with its letters appearing in alphabetical order. If the boy's name ELMO appeared in Webster's Third Edition, that would have been a fitting partner to AMOR. Unfortunately, the nearest that the Third Edition gets to listing ELMO is with the entry ST. ELMO'S FIRE.

Now it's your turn -- see what you can do with MONTREAL.