**Charles and Wallace Lasseigne**

The German Coast, throughout which the French language was almost exclusively spoken, received such French paper as *L’Abeille de la Nouvelle Orleans* and *La Guepe*, edited in New Orleans.

Early in the nineteenth century, there appeared in Reseve, to the delight of the public of St. John, a weekly, *La Ruche Louisianaise*, from the pen of a distinguished citizen, Charles Lasseigne.

Charles Lasseigne was the founder of the dynasty of editors and printers which has regaled our progressive parish for the last 75 years. He died February 7, 1913, having lived in St. John from the day of his birth, September 25, 1844.

In 1889, the last issue of *La Ruche Louisianaise* appeared. Its editor had bought from E. Dumez, *pere*, *Le Meschacebe*, which, under him, was for forty years one of the finest newspapers of the country. The Meschacebe was then printed mostly in French. <snip> Shortly before his death Charles Lasseigne sold the Meschacebe to E. Dumez, *fils*, who published it in Edgard for a number of years, then sold it to J. D. Reynaud of Lucy. His son, after his father’s death, followed in the footsteps of the elder and became the founder of *L’Observateur* [1913]. Wallace Lasseigne has given to the public of St John a very interesting paper, conspicuous for its neatness, an abundance of news and ads, ably edited in French and English, and a credit to the cultural and political life of our progressive parish.

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