

PETOSKEY'S FIRST AUTOMOBILE

Dan Lovelace, leaning against the car, was the proud possessor of the first automobile in Petoskey. It was a Thomas. This picture was made in front of the machine shop operated by Philip Middleditch on State Street. At the right is W. P. Hofman, who operates the Petoskey Iron Works in the same building today. Between Mr. Middleditch and Mr. Hofman is Ollie Reed. Mr. Lovelace was one of Petoskey's original automobile mechanics and became the first service manager for the Northern Auto Company when it was organized in 1912.