## statistical release.

Consumer instalment credit at commercial banks amounted to. $\$ 33,536$ million at the end of August, $\$ 301$ million more than on July 31 . Nearly half of the increase occurred in personal loans but all other major types of . indebtedness also were larger than a month earlier.

Instalment credit extended during August was $\$ 88$ million above the July volume. A substantial increase in personal loans was offset in part by a decline in automobile credit extended which is usual before introduction of new models. Only purchased automobile paper and home repair loans fell below the volume extended in August 1966.

## Consumer Instalment Credit at Commercial Banks <br> (Estimates, in millions of dollars)




