## statistical release

Consumer instalment credit outstanding at commercial banks increased $\$ 51$ million in February to $\$ 37,056$ million at the month-end. Indebtedness on other consumer goods and personal loans was up slightly from a month earlier while home repair loans outstanding showed a small seasonal contraction. However, the amount owed to banks by consumers was $\$ 4,217$ million larger than at the close of the month last year.

Credit extended during February was down $\$ 180$ million with most major types falling somewhat below the January volume but all except purchased automobile paper contributed to the $\$ 111$ million expansion over the year-period.

Consumer Instalment Credit at Commercial Banks
(Estimates, in millions of dollars)

i/Less than 0.5 million.

