

PATROLMEN SUE CIVIL BOARD.

Seek to Abolish Grade of Sergeant and Have Reinstated Three Classes Stricken Out.

Two bills against the board of civil service commissioners were filed in the Superior court yesterday in the behalf of W. D. Voss, R. J. Blaney, J. J. Gavin, and J. Q. Reilly, all patrolmen, who seek to restrain the payment of salaries to sergeants appointed since Nov. 9, 1906. It is contended that the grade of sergeant is not legal, and that the grades of desk, patrol, and detective sergeant should prevail. The complainants say they were in line of promotion for desk sergeant when the grade was abolished.

Protest was made against placing the bridgetenders on the civil list after July 1. The men say they will be required to work twelve hours a day, a violation of union rules, and that \$39,700 must be added to the present appropriation of \$77,840 to make the change. If any power forces them to work twelve hours a day, the civil service reformers say, it will be superhuman.

Chief Bailiff Hunter of the Municipal court has been notified by Controller McGann that requisitions for the wages of four scrub-women must be made to him in the future. They have not been listed heretofore because of a dispute over civil service rules.