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Pelagic fishing trials for cod were carried out in March from the "Ville de Fécamp" off Labrador around 54°20'N and 52°56'N (Hamilton Bank and Russe Bank).

The trials were carried out with pelagic trawls of rectangular opening (36.3 x 31.7 m) rigged in one case with a fork 25 m long ending in a single sweep-line 60 to 80 m long and, in the other case, with double sweep-line 60 m long.

Yields increased to as much as 11,200 kg of cod in a 2 hour 20 min haul. The hourly mean of 21 hauls was 2,554 kg.

These results are 20% better than yields per hour obtained on the same fishing locations with bottom trawl of 25.5 m headline (2,068 kg).

New trials are planned in 1966.