

and covered with earth and red tiles to keep them cool; but those of the most respectable merchants and mandarins, are higher and adorned with various ornaments. The streets are long and narrow, and mostly irregular; they are paved with small flint stones, and at intervals there are triumphal arches which have a pleasing effect. China-street is the most spacious, being about thirty feet wide, and paved with flag-stones. Many of the principal merchants reside in this street. In Canton there are no carriages or horses. The rich people are carried about in sedan chairs, but the poor walk barefooted and bareheaded; and their goods are carried by porters. At the ends of the streets are barriers, which are shut every evening, as well as the gates of the city, so that people are obliged to be at home early.

The timber brought from New Zealand did not produce more than half the contemplated profit; whether from the quantity the country produces, or the quality of the New Zealand timber, was not exactly known: it ought however to have brought a good price, as it was procured at a dear rate, and through much hazard and anxiety.