

Act, in the way of restricting the alienation of Native land. No reason is stated why the limitations and restrictions imposed by the Governor in Council under former Acts, for the benefit (as we must presume) of the Natives concerned, should be set aside by the Court; nor are there any words to define or guide the discretion of the Court. It is true the consent of the persons interested is required; but it is quite possible that the persons having present interests would consent to the abolition of limitations inserted probably for the very purpose of securing against their acts the future interests of children or other persons unable to protect themselves.

Taking all these proposed enactments together, it is not too much to say that, if adopted, they would amount to a legislative provision, not for administering and utilizing the trust lands, but, on the contrary, for abolishing the trusts and handing over the lands to private persons who have ceased to have any title to them.

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